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The Dawson 5 — from left to right, Roosevelt Watson, James Jackson Jr , J D Davenport, Johnny Jackson and Henderson Watson — as trial is about to begin, have nationwide support in their struggle against frame-up murder charges and national oppression

TRIAL OF THE "5" BEGINS IN DAWSON!

Pre-trial motions have just been completed in the Dawson 5 case There were motions by the defense to drop charges and the death penalty In the course of testimony, the defense brought out information about the conditions of Blacks in Dawson

The conditions in Dawson, Georgia, which are similar to conditions across the Black Belt South, have been partially exposed in the course of fighting for the lives of the five young Black men who stand trial on a framed-up murder charge

The pre-trial hearings were themselves a continuation of the repression that exists here in the South Judge Geer, on the opening day of the testimony ordered Terrell County residents removed from the courtroom "in the interests of a fair trial" Only persons who are related to the Dawson 5 or to the murdered man were allowed to stay This action had nothing to do with giving the youths a fair trial, it was only meant to try and smash the mass movement that has been built for the Dawson 5

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SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE BLACK BELT NATION!

Political Power in Palestine GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN

Recently in the preparations for the convening of the Geneva Conference, there has been much talk of the good possibilities of reaching a peace settlement in the Middle East Yet, what we see is that Israel is remaining firm on its position of refusing to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), or to sit down and negotiate with them They refuse to do this, supposedly because the PLO, in its charter, does not recognize the legitimacy of the Israeli state and declares that it is the goal of the PLO to continue armed struggle against the Israeli regime

What we also see, is the Zionists making bold moves into new zones and setting up new settlements, legalizing Israeli settlements on occupied territory, which in the past they have themselves recognized as illegal

From Washington we hear loud protests about these new settlements, calling them illegal, yet scarcely one week earlier, Menahem Begin left Washington loaded down with millions of dollars in cash and new military hardware It does not appear that the Carter administration is too concerned about the continuing Israeli aggression

While the Israelis and the U S imperialists are remaining loyal to their interests, there is a change taking place among the Arab countries Egypt, Syria and Jordan have agreed to sign a treaty with Israel Although the details of the possible treaties are not yet clear, what we do know is that they are willing to negotiate these treaties before any Geneva Conference This means that the PLO would not have to be involved in any "peace" agreements that may be reached

This change of policy is not new nor is it completely surprising These countries have been rocked by both internal and external chaos, and as a

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STEARNS STRIKERS LEAD THE WAY IN ORGANIZING THE UNORGANIZED

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Strikers have been forced to abandon their union hall (above) because of armed attacks Holes in near wall are exit holes from guards' bullets

The striking miners at Justus Mine in Stearns, Kentucky, have stood firm now for 14 months, to get a UMWA contract They have stood firm in the face of armed assaults by two companies of security guards, provocations by State Troopers, injunctions, huge fines, and a $100,000 bond against "illegal labor practices" slapped on them by the courts, indictments of 31 strikers and supporters on phony kidnap charges, and a massive complaint against them by the National Labor Relations Board

Ready for a Second Winter

They have fought for over a year to get union recognition and a contract, as a step toward safe working conditions, and they are not going

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EDITORIALS

In Defense of Marxism-Leninism
on the International Situation

In the past several months an issue with momentous consequences has arisen within the international communist and workers movement The debate is over the basic strategy and tactics of the proletariat

On one side, Marxism-Leninism holds that a correct understanding of the present imperialist era begins with the four fundamental contradictions (see *The Theory of the "Three Worlds" Opposes Marxism-Leninism*, p 3) These contradictions define the era as the transition from capitalism to socialism, and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat This stand places the proletariat firmly in the leadership of the class struggle, allied with the national liberation movements fighting for revolution against imperialism, social imperialism, bourgeois reaction and feudal remnants

In opposition to Marxism-Leninism, a new anti-Leninist chorus is emerging that complements modern revisionism headquartered in the Soviet Union—in the guise of attacking modern revisionism

This chorus has assembled in defense of the theory of the "Three Worlds" No simple matter of geography, the view of the "Three Worlds" distorts the nature of our era, revises the four basic contradictions and liquidates the dictatorship of the proletariat and suggests that the proletariat is incapable of preventing imperialist war

Today, this chorus collaborates with such reactionaries as Mobutu of Zaire, and praises the revisionist Tito of Yugoslavia—long ago condemned around the world as a complete traitor to the working class and Marxism-Leninism

Today, this chorus calls for the working class to form a united front against only one superpower, the Soviet Union, ignoring U S imperialism and bourgeois reaction in the rest of the world This can only mean pursuit of a policy of class collaboration with the U S bourgeoisie, and monopoly capitalism world wide

Under this flag of support for the fatherland, this trend applauds NATO and the European Common Market, which has been used historically to exploit and oppress the working people of Europe

Today some preach that we must be cautious in opposing this new anti-Leninist trend, that we must go slow, lest we blunt the attack on the two superpowers But exactly the opposite is the case Only by combating this reactionary theory of the "Three Worlds" in defense of proletarian revolution and national liberation, can the battle against all imperialism, including the two superpowers be waged successfully

To consistently fight for revolution and the defense of Marxism-Leninism requires breaking with wrong positions from the past From the outset, the MLOC has correctly upheld the revolutionary role of the proletariat, the nature of our era, and grounded its analysis in the four contradictions But we have also incorrectly lent support to the alleged role of the "Third World" countries, confused the governments of certain countries with national liberation movements, and helped to foster the illusion of a "new economic order" as something apart from socialism These mistakes have served to teach us about the absolute necessity to resolutely follow the course of Marxism-Leninism and the obligation to find one's own independent bearings on each and every question This is the only genuine basis for proletarian internationalism This is a question that each and every genuine Marxist-Leninist party and organization must address

In great service to proletarian revolution, the Party of Labour of Albania, led by Comrade Enver Hoxha, has courageously exposed and laid bare the nature and real danger the "Three Worlds" represents to the cause of socialism and national liberation Marxist-Leninists should especially read the *Report of the 7th Party Congress* and ZERI I POPULLIT, editorial of July 7th, *The Theory and Practice of Revolution* (Both are available from **UNITE!**)

In this issue of **UNITE!** and in future publications, the MLOC will step up the criticism and exposure of this emerging anti-Leninist chorus, and all shades of modern revisionism In the world today we are at a very critical point There can be no complacency in the defense of proletarian internationalism and Marxism-Leninism, in the interests of revolution at home and around the world

DEATH TO THE NAZIS!
BUILD MULTI-NATIONAL UNITY!

In the past month the fascists and reactionaries have stepped up their activities in the Chicago area We sharply condemn the incident in Marquette Park, the bombings of Black people's homes and the stand of the Bogan High mothers group around busing This increase of fascist activities demands immediate attention and condemnation by all progressive peoples

Last month, Blacks marched on Marquette Park demanding the right of access to the Park and equal housing Waiting to intercept them were hundreds of white youths who took part in threatening and beating Blacks There were a significant number of those youths wearing Nazi and white supremacist T-shirts

The incident at Marquette Park is closely tied to the struggle at Bogan High in the same part of Chicago Some mothers of Bogan students have condemned racial mixing and have vowed to keep Bogan all white They warned that if the school was integrated the leadership of the community will pass to the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan

The bourgeoisie of Chicago over the years has carefully planned the segregation of the city They have used national divisions to their own advantage; to smash strikes, to suppress the struggle for democratic rights and all progressive and revolutionary struggles The bourgeoisie is now actively using these divisions to spread the influence of fascism in the ranks of the working class We must throughly smash this fascist tide, especially among the youth Our youth must not allow themselves to become the shock troops for fascism

All liberal and reformist notions about the first amendment rights of the fascists must be defeated Fascists have no rights in the eyes of the working class They must and will be done away with There is no room for passivity in the face of reaction and fascism It demands bold and aggressive action

We must actively take up the struggle for democratic rights of all national minorities – whether it is for jobs, housing, education or access to a park All national chauvinism within the ranks of the working class movement must be rooted out Our fighting calls must be

Death to the Klan! Death to the Nazis! Build Multi-national Unity!

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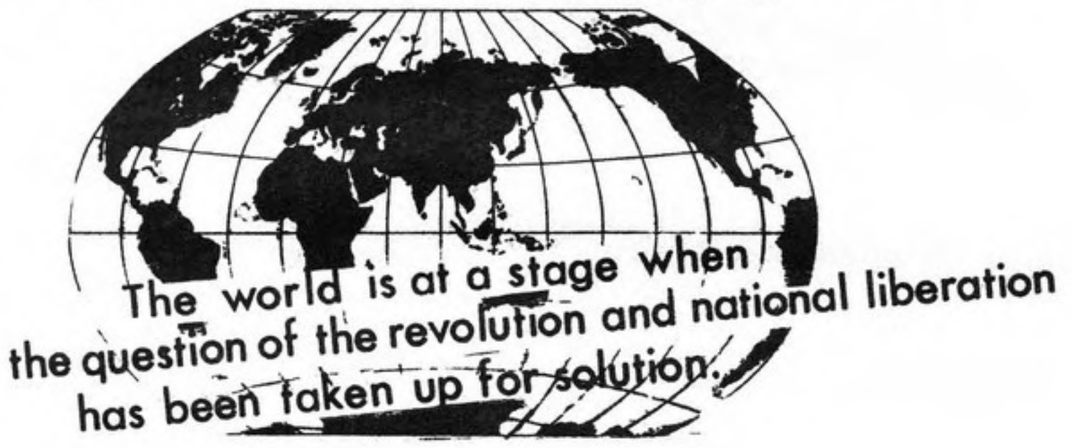
Theory of the "Three Worlds" Opposes Marxism-Leninism



Based upon a firm grasp of the contradictions of the imperialist epoch, Marxist-Leninists have historically placed the proletariat at the center of world developments

Today, opportunists are attempting to replace the major contradictions with the concepts of the "Three Worlds" They hope to sidetrack proletarian revolution in the capitalist countries by a reactionary call for national defense They attempt to deliver the powerful national liberation movements over to the reactionary forces that serve the imperialist powers To defeat this emerging opportunist trend, the working class and its allies must grasp the essential nature of imperialism and the underlying contradictions

Imperialism and Revolution

Imperialism is the highest and last stage of capitalism It marks the transition from capitalism to socialism Therefore, the historic mission of the proletariat, its strategic task in this era, is the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of socialism

To guide the working class, to provide a scientific basis for its strategy, the great leaders of the working class have analyzed the four basic contradictions of our epoch

1 The contradiction between two opposing social systems – capitalism and socialism

These systems stand diametrically opposed to each other The breaking away of the socialist countries shrinks the markets of imperialism Socialism is a great beacon of the working class. The result is a profound economic, political and moral crisis for capitalism

2 The contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie in the capitalist and revisionist countries.

The proletariat is the leading force in this struggle Armed with its own advanced detachment, the communist party, it will throw off the chains of capitalist rule in one country after another

3 The contradiction between the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations and imperialism (including social-imperialism)

Waged under the ideology of the proletariat, national liberation struggles have directed and continue to direct merciless blows at imperialism, feudalism and reaction

4 The contradictions between the imperialist powers and the monopoly capitalist groups

The contention among the imperialists makes imperialist war an integral part of the imperialist epoch.

Recognizing that these four major contradictions will remain for the entire epoch of imperialism, Marxist-Leninists have developed their general line that can be summed up briefly in the following vital principles

> **"Workers of all countries, unite, workers of the world unite with the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations, oppose imperialism and reaction in all countries, strive for world peace, national liberation, people's democracy and socialism, consolidate and expand the socialist camp, bring the proletarian world revolution step by step to complete victory and establish a new world without imperialism, without capitalism, and without the exploitation of man by man "(A Proposal Concerning the General Line of the International Communist Movement, 1963, Letter of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, p 4)**

The Theory of the "Three Worlds"

The theory of the "Three Worlds" claims that the socialist camp no longer exists, the Western imperialist bloc no longer exists and that the world is divided into three parts or "Three Worlds"

According to this view the U S and the U S S R make up the "First World" The other advanced capitalist countries make up the "Second World" The countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and such countries as Yugoslavia in Europe constitute the "Third World"

This theory has become the basis to call for unity of the "Third World" countries with the imperialist powers of the "Second World" against the U S and the U S S R It has even gone so far as to call for a united front, against only the Soviet Union Clearly these positions are poles apart from the principles of the General Line for the International Communist Movement of 1963 and a Marxist-Leninist analysis of the four major contradictions in the epoch of imperialism

In its origin the theory of the "Three Worlds" attempts to liquidate the contradiction between the two social systems on the grounds that capitalism has been restored in the U S S R Capitalism has been restored there. But the restoration of capitalism in one country cannot dissolve the socialist camp The socialist camp includes the genuine socialist countries and all those who struggle for the realization of socialism. **The proponents of the "Three Worlds" theory, like the revisionists of the U.S S R before them, reduce the question of the socialist camp to one of blocs and not a class question** In fact, this is only a ploy to create still another bloc based upon the view that the division between socialism and capitalism does not matter Hardly novel, this song has been sung by the likes of Tito of Yugoslavia and Boumedienne of Algeria for many years

As for the contradiction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie in the "Second World", the dictatorship of the proletariat is taken off the agenda, replaced by a call for national resistance to the two superpowers and class peace NATO, which has long been an instrument of class oppression and imperialist aggression is said to be a means of national defense for European countries against the Soviet Union

And what of the proletarian revolution here in the U S ? The Communist Party (ML), which champions the line of the "Three Worlds", has assured the U S bourgeoisie that it will be impossible to overthrow them before the outbreak of an imperialist war The primary source of this war, says the CP(ML), is the U S S R They have told the U S working class that they should direct their main blow at the U S S R and not at the bourgeoisie in this country To top it off, they claim that once the imperialist war begins they will turn it into a civil war But what they do not and cannot explain is how they propose to shift the workers in time of war from delivering the main blow at the U S S R back against the U S bourgeoisie

Of all the claims, the theorists of the "Three Worlds" are most vocal about their alleged support for the peoples of the "Third World" They say that the "Third World" is the main force against the two superpowers. But they have not even got this contradiction straight Instead, they talk about the reactionary governments, and downplay the true national liberation movements They go so far as to demand that class contradictions between the oppressed nations and such reactionary regimes as those of Mobuto in Zaire and the Shah of Iran, must be glossed over Exposing these contradictions, they say, would aid the two superpowers

They claim the theory of the "Three Worlds" can tell us who are our friends and who are our enemies We have already seen that these opportunists incorrectly include as friends the European bourgeoisie and the forces of reaction that attempt to suppress national liberation struggles But they are unwilling to stop even there According to this view, one of the greatest friends of the "Third World" is Tito of Yugoslavia Tito is one of the founders of the so-called non-aligned movement This is the very same Tito that along with Earl Browder of the U S introduced modern revisionism's attack on Marxism-Leninism It was not for nothing that our Albanian and Chinese comrades once jointly declared, "Any attempt to reverse the verdict on the Tito clique is a betrayal of Marxism-Leninism, of the 1960 statement, of the socialist camp, and the international communist movement." (Sino-Albanian Joint Statement, Peking Review, Nov 3, 1964, p 17)

As we have seen the theorists of the "Three Worlds" started by saying that there is no longer a socialist camp They have already repudiated the principles of the 1960 Statement quoted above They are attempting to split the international communist movement and replace it with an anti-Leninist chorus Supporting Tito is only part of the total betrayal

The Strategy of the Proletariat

Whether in combat against the old revisionism of the Second International and its defenses of the fatherland, the consolidated revisionism of the social-imperialist U S S R or the emerging revisionism around the concept of the "Three Worlds", the proletariat and its party have a clear program to follow

We must support and consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat where it exists We must actively fight for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie and the establishment of socialism We must support and assist all national liberation struggles which objectively weaken imperialism

We must oppose all imperialist war preparations – particularly the imperialist designs of the main enemies of the world – the U S and the U S S R

These are the tasks that will truly insure the resolution of the four

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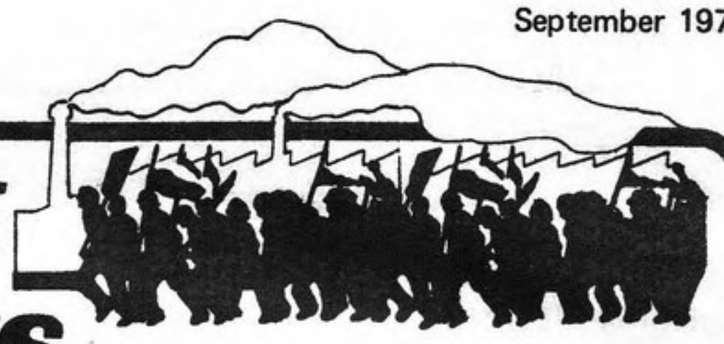
SHARPEN THE STRUGGLE IN THE TRADE UNIONS



IAM

After 14 weeks of intense struggle, workers at Caterpillar's San Leandro, California plant had a disastrous contract forced on them While workers stood firm on their demands (for over three months), union misleaders of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) sold them out

Although workers won meagre wage and pension benefits that didn't keep up with inflation, the contract contained severe attacks on seniority and grievance procedures

Shop stewards who support workers' interests are subject to an "abuse of privilege" clause in the contract This allows the company to force the union to remove stewards who refuse to be intimidated by the company Another change in grievance procedures states that an employee no longer needs to be present at all stages of a grievance procedure This allows the company and trade union bureaucrats to throw out grievances without worker interference

In addition, plant seniority has been replaced with **shift** seniority This allows the company to lay off shifts without regard to in-plant seniority

The sell-out bureaucrats thoroughly exposed their essence to workers during this strike The workers clearly understand that working conditions are worse because these traitors control their union And, they are beginning to understand that these traitors must be driven out of the unions and replaced with genuine class-conscious leadership

ILWU

One year ago, on August 6, 1976, Norman Lewis, 33, father of five and a worker at the Tracy warehouse of Handyman Company, (a home improvement chain in Northern California) was run over and killed on the picket line by a company supervisor **He was killed for being on strike to get a union contract**

On August 6, 1977, special picket lines were set up by ILWU (International Longshoreman's & Warehouseman's Union) Local 6 at all 15 Handyman stores to continue the fight for a union Though the warehouse workers in Tracy voted for union representation in February, 1976, they were still without a contract a year and a half later Today the workers are still on strike, and the ILWU has called for a boycott of all Handyman stores Workers from Rylock Company in Union City joined the picket lines, expressing solidarity with ILWU workers in the common fight against union busting

The union bureaucrats of ILWU Local 6 and the international have given only lip service to defending the striking workers and have limited the struggle to a lukewarm boycott When the rank and file have raised motions to build broad public support for the strike and boycott, the bureaucrats refused In fact, they forced two ILWU organised warehouses that handle Handyman products **not** to join the strike They told the workers they could lose their jobs! Preaching job security over class struggle, these bureaucrats must take major responsibility for the relative failure of the boycott and the ease with which Norman Lewis' murder was freed

These class collaborators must be exposed and driven out of our unions! The rank and file of ILWU are trying to carry on the struggle against Handyman, but they are plagued by reformist leadership They must organize to expose and kick out these misleaders of our class!

IBT

At least 13 leaders of a 10-day wildcat strike at E J Brach & Sons candy factory in Chicago, which took place last month, have been fired

In an attempt to stop Brach workers from making their union a weapon of class struggle, the company and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 738 collaborated in an attack on militant workers Local 738 executive board removed from office all stewards who supported the strike The company then fired the 13 workers

Among those fired were eight workers on a committee formed by wildcatters during the strike The committee had two representatives from each of the main national groups at the 2700 worker factory Black, Greek, Italian and Latino Brach workers are determined to continue the struggle.

In the first major steel strike since 1959, striking USW miners and ore operators in Minnesota and Michgan ore fields, pose a serious threat to the ENA

IRON ORE WORKERS STRIKE BLOW AGAINST THE ENA

On August 1, 20,000 miners and workers in the iron ranges of Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula went on strike to fight for more than 1,000 unresolved contract issues The main demands involve working conditions, health and safety, and the iron ore worker's incentive pay plans, which are less than those in basic steel

The five major iron ore mining companies and ten big steel corporations tried to get a court injunction to prevent the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) strike The companies claim that this strike is over national issues, and violates the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA) The ENA is a no-strike deal between steelworker officials and the major steel companies A federal judge in Pittsburgh has ruled that the government has no jurisdiction to grant an injunction against the strike. The steel companies now threaten to sue the USWA for damages These same companies who create the dangerous work conditions that **kill** steelworkers each week want to be paid damages out of the union dues of workers who are exercising their right to strike!

Smash the ENA!

In addition to claiming outrageous damages, the steel companies have also stockpiled huge quantities of iron ore in anticipation of the strike These actions on the part of the steel and mining companies to smash the iron ore workers' strike (instead of bargaining for a contract) serves to further expose the ENA The companies call the issue "national" in order to break the strike We must also see the iron ore workers' struggle as national, and build nationwide support for their strike

The ENA preys upon workers' honest desires for steady work and a regular income "Before the ENA we either worked six days a week, were laid off, or were on strike" But the labor/management harmony the steel companies and union bureaucrats would have us believe in , is only harmony between the capitalists and the trade union bureaucrats

Around the world, capitalism is in crisis - a crisis which cannot be avoided, a crisis which is deepened when capital's search for more and bigger profits comes up against the struggle of oppressed peoples for national liberation, and the growing class-conscious actions of workers at home So the U S capitalists and their agents, the union bureaucrats, offer us the ENA They say we no longer have to fight for better conditions and a living wage In fact, they know that they will have to take away more and more of the gains we have already won **It is to the advantage of the capitalist steel industry owners, our class enemy, if we cannot strike** We see this now with large numbers of steelworkers on layoff, and those workers who remain subject to speedups, forced overtime and double shifts

The union bureaucrats' reaction to this crisis is to protect themselves at our expense They have sold our right to strike in return for personal favors and privileges from the capitalists, like guaranteed huge salaries and pensions for themselves

The steel companies and USWA bureaucrats see the iron ore workers' strike as a threat to their shady deal, the ENA So do we, and we wholeheartedly support the strikers! The iron ore workers are determined and prepared to see this struggle through We must begin now to organize support for this blow against the ENA We must offer resolutions in our local unions supporting this strike and condemning the steel companies' suit for "damages" We must take up collections among our fellow workers and demand that the union match those funds! Defend the right to strike!

Support the Iron Ore Workers!

Bureaucrats Sellout Shipyard Workers

On July 19th, a new West Coast shipyards contract was "ratified" The vote was 3323 to 1306, less than half of the workers involved voted In Seattle, this involved 13 craft unions represented by the Metal Trades Council and International negotiators It involved primarily the shipyards of Lockheed and Todd, currently in production of frigates and sub tenders The business agents proclaimed, "This is a good contract and the hardest we ever negotiated " But when it all came down it was clear that this contract is a major step backward for 12,000 working men and women With the current rate of inflation, shipyard workers in three years stand to make at least one dollar less in real wages than we do now And the labor misleaders were only too cooperative in helping the companies put loopholes into any contract protection we had from the capitalists' never ending thirst for greater productivity and profit

The misleaders have a "day to day" strategy for discouraging participation in the union struggles against the boss Long and confusing union meetings which never seem to deal with the **real** problems, long and ineffective "grievance" procedures, and the steady stream of lies designed to break the unity of the working class In our case, this means blaming the Japanese for stealing U S shipbuilding business, blaming the Chicanos in San Diego for stealing Seattle shipbuilding business, and blaming the boilermakers for stealing shipscalers' jobs These are just a few of the ways that our business agent (BA) spreads ideas that serve the bourgeoisie

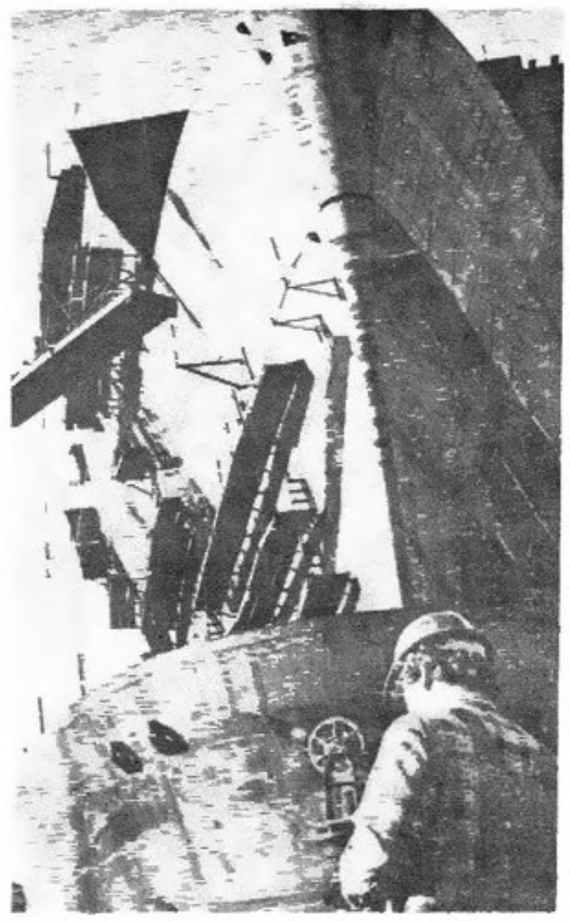
For the BA's, asking if we wanted anything in particular in the contract meant circulating questionaires in a haphazard way and telling workers to "put your proposal in legal language" and "stop by the office" This was not the effort of officials who wanted worker participation - they only wanted a "show" of democracy This show was to continue right through to the final sellout Several workers managed to submit demands for a substantial wage hike, an end to company discrimination, an end to the blackballing system, and a new grievance procedure without the ban against strikes and work stoppages These demands won such popular support at one union meeting that the BA was forced to adopt a militant pose, swearing that he would try to force the International negotiators to push these rank and file demands But when these demands were put to the negotiators, the flunkies and fat cats of the International, laughingly, threw the demands aside saying, "the companies'll never accept that" and "leave it to OSHA" And the "militant" BA let it go without a whimper

Finally the proposed contract was sent to the workers Enclosed in an envelope was a mail-in ballot and a leaflet "explaining" the new contract It "explained" an inadequate wage increase and called it substantial It "explained" a small increase in fringes and forgot to mention a rewritten holiday pay clause which will enable the company to lay off workers, or short shift them the day before a holiday, depriving them of holiday pay It "explained" that there were 30 language changes and didn't explain what they were In short, this leaflet explained nothing, and was **not** the contract we demanded to see **before** we voted On the back of this was written, "mail your ballot back immediately" Many workers, not notified of the upcoming meetings, did just that Many workers voted for a contract that was never explained to them, pushed into early voting by the BA's tricks Most workers never even voted

The bureaucrats had forced most of the voting union members to vote on a piece of paper that was as much of a lie as if it had been written by the capitalists themselves And the BAs used some of the same union-busting tricks to do it

Although we are stuck with a rotten contract for the next three years, the political struggle has marched ahead More and more rank-and-file shipyard workers are realizing that the capitalist shipyard owners and the union misleaders are involved in a conspiracy The labor bureaucrats were **systematic** in preventing real rank-and-file participation in these negotiations To protect their power and privileges, they collaborate with the capitalist class in every way, from diverting us into "militant reformism" to downright surrender of our hard-won gains We can't mistake their sellouts for mistakes or isolated cases of corruption - they are the intentional tactics of class collaboration, and we need to understand them in order to fight them Once we have thrown out these false friends of the working class, we can turn our labor unions into organizations fighting the capitalist class for our liberation

Expose and Expel the Labor Misleaders!



Bureaucrats lied, saying Chicano workers in San Diego steal jobs from workers in Seattle Their goal-divide the class

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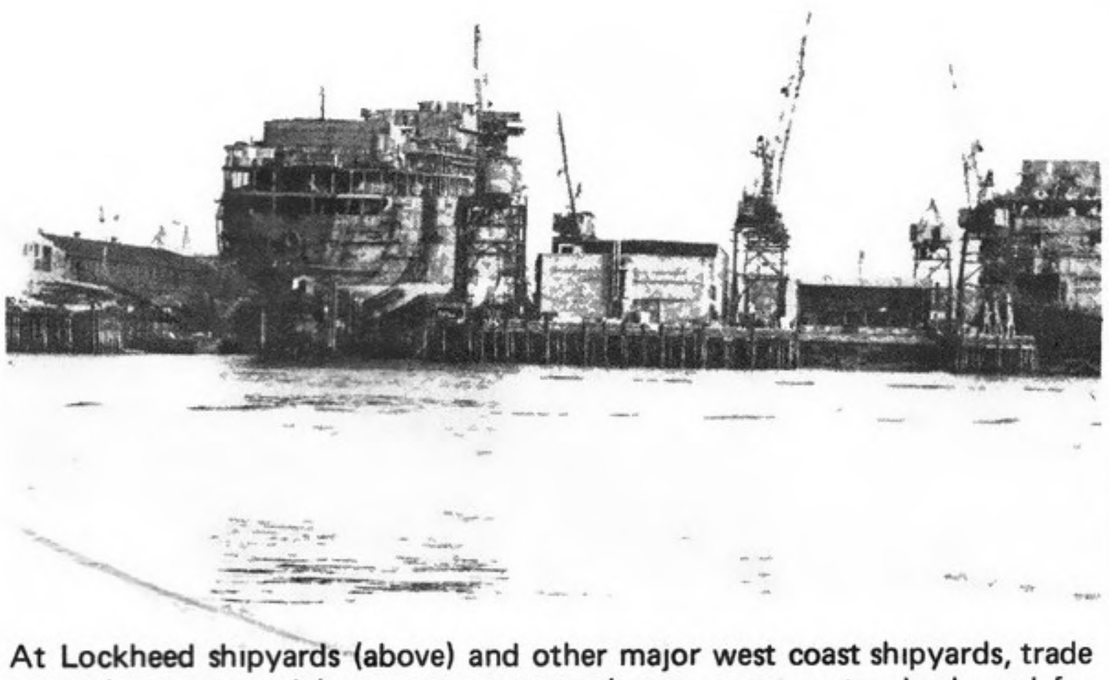

At Lockheed shipyards (above) and other major west coast shipyards, trade union bureaucrats deliver new contract that is a major step backward for 12,000 workers.

The Struggle Against the LABOR ARISTOCRACY

THE LABOR ARISTOCRACY AT KROPP FORGE

In the last article about the labor aristocracy at Kropp Forge, we talked about the divisions among the workers based on the different craft unions at the plant The Operating Engineers and the Die Sinkers Union are part of the labor aristocracy, they represent a small part of the workers at Kropp who crossed the picket line during the last strike and who make substantially higher wages The main union at Kropp Forge is the Boilermakers Union, Local 1248

The Boilermakers is a craft union, in fact, a combination of two craft unions, the boilermakers and the old blacksmiths union The modern version of blacksmiths are the hammer men in a forge The position of the people who work in the drop forge department, or the Hammer as it is called, is well known to everyone in the plant They only work 45 minutes of each hour; they are the only department with a lunch room, and, most of all, they make the highest wages Not everyone in the Hammer makes high wages, but as a worker moves up in seniority he moves up to heavier hammers which have higher incentive The Hammer and the Flat Die Hammer departments are the only departments with incentive Workers on the 40,000 and 50,000 pound hammers make as much as $10 or $11 an hour

Incentive pay, based on the number of forgings produced, is a holdover from the old craft days when a blacksmith sold each forging Another such hold over from the craft days is that the hammer man on the larger hammers has his initials stamped in each forging

It is common knowledge in the plant that the union is run for the Hammer department In general, workers feel that the 13 week strike in 1973 was conducted for the benefit of the Hammer department alone

So, if everyone knows all this, what good does it do us to call these workers the labor aristocracy? There are two important things to be learned by understanding the labor aristocarcy The first is that we gain a scientific understanding of why there is such opportunism in the leadership of the trade unions Superprofits from imperialist exploitation make it possible to buy off a small strata of the working class This is the strata whose views the trade union bureaucrats represent This knowledge keeps us from being demoralized in our struggle when we meet such opportunism in the working class

The second thing is that an explanation of the labor aristocracy gives us a guide to our tactics in trade union work It tells us that this small strata of workers will tend towards opportunism because they have a material interest in preserving capitalism, therefore we should not rely on them in our struggles In fact, we need to drive out the influence the aristocrats have over our unions and win our unions back to class conscious control

PIVOT OF OUR TACTICS in the Labor Movement

Support the Stearns Strikers!

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to give up now They are determined to stand firm even though they know that there is not much chance of getting a contract before this winter All UMWA contracts expire Dec 6, and the Blue Diamond Coal Co is not likely to sign a contract now, which they would have to renegotiate in a few months The miners are prepared to hold out for their second winter

In 1976, the miners voted out the company-controlled union, the McCreary County Miners Association, and voted in the UMWA Blue Diamond has refused to sign a contract, unwilling to accept the establishment of a union safety committee with the power to pull miners out of unsafe conditions

Negotiations completely broke down in January of this year, and Blue Diamond brought in gun thugs in February, and a second gang of goons in August The company thugs are armed with automatic weapons, including two machine guns and M16 rifles They use them regularly

Organize or Die

The struggle for a UMWA contract at Stearns is not only a struggle for decent working conditions at that mine, but is a crucial struggle to extend UMWA influence in southeastern Kentucky, where scab mines and company unions dominate the industry

There is an old union slogan "organize or die!" It is precisely this situation that the United Mine Workers find themselves in now, just as the miners at Stearns And this is the larger meaning of the Stearns strike

In the face of Carter's energy program, which calls for a 65% increase in coal production by 1985, the UMWA International has no real plan for organizing to keep up with that expansion, let alone to bring **all** the mines under UMWA jurisdiction While the operators have launched a campaign to bust up the UMWA, Miller has purged organizers he considers disloyal to him personally, or moved them around so much they can't do their job The UMWA has only 25 organizers now, and needs at least 100

Miller has been invited to mass rallies at Stearns, but he has refused to go, and he has opposed anyone else from the International visiting there, fearing "campaign politic - ing" The International is paying strike benefits, but is not organizing mass mobilizations that could put the pressure on Blue Diamond

While the question of victory or defeat at Stearns is an immediate, pressing question for the miners there and their families, it is also crucial to the whole UMWA and the entire working class This strike must be won And organizing throughout the coalfields must be taken up seriously Otherwise, the UMWA will not be able to maintain itself as a fighting organization with the strength to protect the democratic rights and economic needs of miners and their families And if the UMWA falls, the capitalists will move on to attempt to destroy the rest of our unions

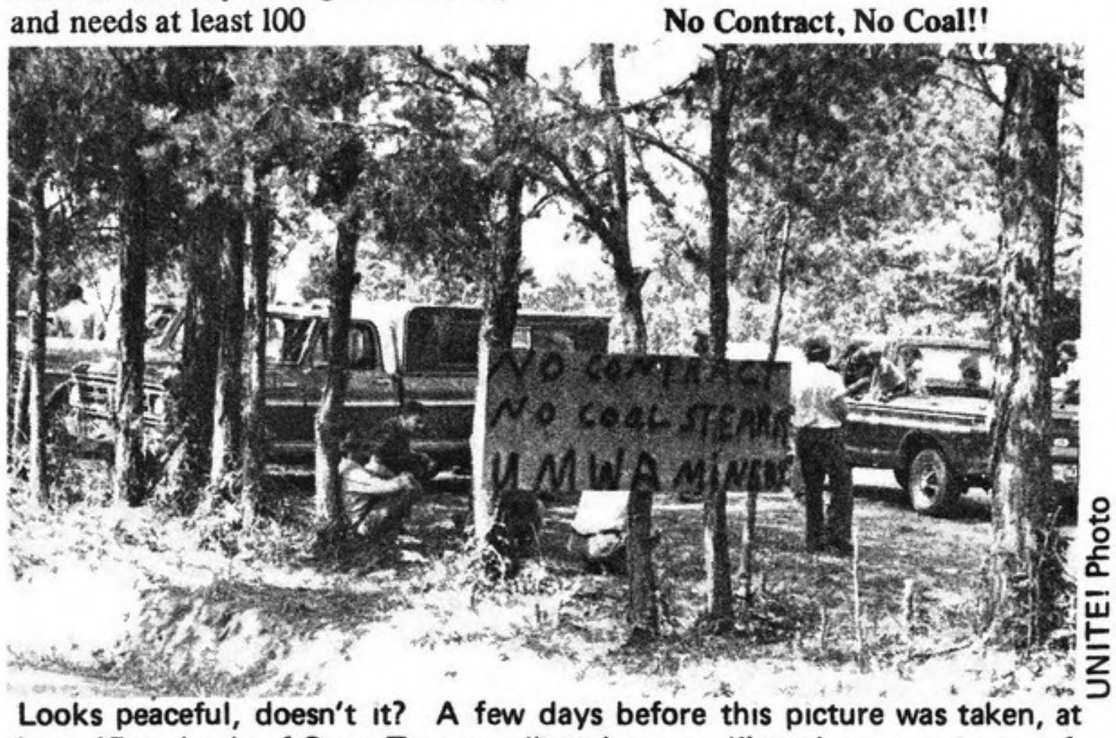
KEY TO VICTORY CLASS UNITY

The key to winning the struggle at Stearns and preparing for the national strike this winter is to develop working class unity, fighting unity Thousands of other miners and workers in other industries must be mobilized to bring Blue Diamond Coal Company to its knees The strikers have shut the mine down, and are strong enough to block any attempt to scab the mine **But we must see that this is not just one isolated mine, struggling alone** Blue Diamond has many other business interests around the country and is willing to sustain some losses at one mine to keep the UMWA out

Resolutions should be passed in union meetings declaring support for the Stearns strikers and demanding the withdrawal of troopers and goons Money should be voted for the Stearns Miners Relief Fund (which pays for extraordinary expenses like hospital bills and fuel oil and gas for the winter), and for the legal defense fund for the 31 people under indictment Local and district unions, and/or Miners Solidarity Committees should send contingents of workers to attend the UMWA rallies in Kentucky

These are things the UMWA International should have been pushing for all along But bureaucrats are not interested in working class fighting unity, only in their own careers. We must rely on ourselves and our class brothers and sisters to win this struggle

No Contract, No Coal!!



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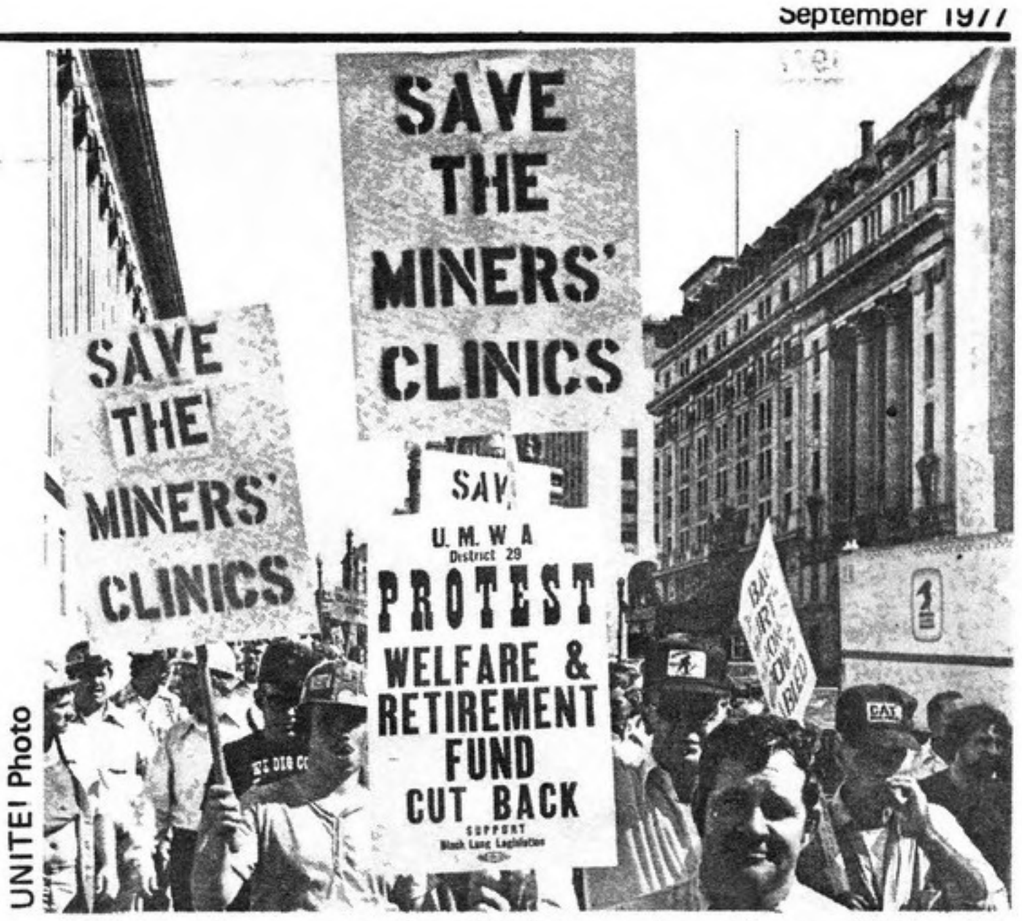
Looks peaceful, doesn't it? A few days before this picture was taken, at least 15 carloads of State Troopers "just happened" to show up minutes after mine security guards laid down a sustained rain of gunfire on picketers The troopers and company hoped to bust the strikers for firing back The plot failed



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Militant coal miners march on Washington demanding health benefits be restored

Miners Fight Benefit Cuts

Over 70,000 miners have been striking to regain health benefits taken from them July 1 These miners represent virtually all the United Mine Workers of America miners in West Virginia plus some 10,000 from eastern Kentucky and others from southern Ohio

While the rank-and-file is protesting the loss of their rights, the union president, Arnold Miller is urging miners to return to work Miller purchased TV time throughout the coalfields to try to stop the strike Miller argues that the miners are losing even more benefits by striking, as benefits are tied to the production of the miners

Cuts for 800,000

The strikes were triggered in June when the trustees of the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds imposed massive cuts in health benefits to 800 000 These cuts have forced miners to begin bearing the cost of medical bills or to neglect needed medical care Under the present UMWA contract, these bills should be paid by the Funds

The present contract, signed in 1974 by the UMWA and the BCOA (Bituminous Coal Operators' Association) sets up a number of different trust funds for health, disability and pension benefits The money going into these funds is tied directly to the production of coal, i e. so much money is paid by the BCOA to the Funds for each hour worked and/or for each ton of coal mined

These funds are jointly administered by three trustees – one representing the UMWA (Harry Huge), one representing the BCOA and one so-called neutral trustee . The trustees, including Huge, voted unanimously to cut the Health Funds.

––CORRECTION––

In the August issue of UNITE! we mistakenly stated that the miners at Stearns were formerly represented by the Southern Labor Union They were in fact "represented" by the McCreary County Miners Association, which is also a company-controlled union with ties to the Southern Labor Union

In recent months the Medical Benefits Trust Fund has, according to some, been in financial difficulty The coal operators have put the entire blame on wildcat strikes But the majority of the shortage can be more likely attributed to inflationary medical costs, production shortages due to the severe winter and overpayment of fraudulent bills

Huge and Miller

Huge was a large contributor to Miller's re-election campaign It turns out that Miller knew about the impending cuts in the Funds months ago Miller did nothing about it He even withheld announcing the cuts until after his re-election June 14

After the Funds were cut Miller hypocritically put on a big display of criticizing the coal operators for the funds cuts and arranged a meeting with the BCOA to "negotiate" the issue The UMWA International Executive Board has yielded to rank and file demands and voted Huge out as a trustee But Huge refuses to quit and says the Board can't fire him

Meanwhile, the coal operators have openly stated that the cutbacks are punishment for wildcat strikes and are using this as one more attack in their drive to end the militancy of the UMWA The cutback is not an isolated event, but is part of a coordinated effort by the bourgeoisie to cripple the union The bourgeoisie would like to free itself of the UMWA as part of its drive towards energy self-sufficiency

The immediate demands for the restoration of all health benefits must be supported. These must be coupled with demands for a strong health and retirement plan in the upcoming contract negotiations, one that improves as the economic situation worsens, and one which is not tied to productivity Our safety and health must not be dependent on the profits of the capitalists

Support the Miners!

BUILD TRADE UNION SUPPORT FOR BENNIE LENARD

One of the most important aspects of the struggle to defend Bennie Lenard has been the strong support of workers at the International Harvester plant where he worked Lenard, a Black man, was brutally beaten last January by the Melrose Park Police

From the beginning, workers rallied to Lenard's defense, collecting money at the plant gate, taking off time to show support at court appearances and establishing a Bennie Lenard Defense Committee in the United Auto Workers Local 6 This support is critical and it is of the greatest importance that we continue to build support for Bennie Lenard on the shop floor and in the trade unions, as the trial date approaches

Why the Trade Unions?

It is on the shop floor and in the trade unions that the working class is the most organized, most class conscious and most stable The trade unions are our basic form of organization They should be the place for the working class to take up all of its fights against the capitalist class Despite this, there exist two lines on how to build support for Bennie Lenard

In the International Harvester plant itself, no clear leadership has been given to the defense work Various opportunist forces work in the defense committees in the plant For example, the Communist Party USA and various Trotskyite tendencies have held back on all work unless it gets the seal of approval from the trade union bureaucrats

A group of "independent communists" have also played a large role in the defense work in the Chicago Area Bennie Lenard Defense Committee Their line has pushed the separation of communists from the workers movement They put forward that the workers are not experienced enough or interested enough to carry out the tasks of defending Bennie Lenard They insist that the work in the plant has nothing to do with the support work outside the plant and, therefore, they should be kept separate This line opposes work at the plant gates throughout the city as useless and puts forward building support in the suburbs neighboring the plant as the main thrust of the committee's work

The View of the MLOC on Defense Work

It is the position of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee that we must concentrate on building support in the trade unions and on the shop floor We must particularly take up the task of linking the struggles in the plants with those in the Black and other national minority communities The closest ties possible must be built between the defense work inside the plants and trade unions and work outside the plant Instead of capitulation and passivity in the face of obstacles and sabotage from the trade union bureaucrats, workers from inside and outside the plants must work together to devise tactics to combat the actions of the bureaucrats in order to build an all out and all around militant struggle to defend Bennie Lenard ★

ALL OUT ON SEPTEMBER 1st AND OCTOBER 11th!

On Wednesday, September 7 at 11:00 AM at the courthouse in Maywood, a hearing will be held which is the first time police will be called to testify and present their version of the story. The defense has won a large courtroom and the defense committees are calling for an all-out attendance on that day to support Bennie Lenard. The trial itself starts on October 11. These are the two most important court dates yet – especially October 11! Come to the hearing and come to the trial!

ATTEND THE FUND RAISER ON SEPTEMBER 4th!

A benefit and raffle to raise funds for Bennie Lenard's medical and legal expenses will be held on Sunday, September 4 at the Cotton Club Lounge – 3543 W. Cermak Road in Chicago at 1:00 PM. All are inivted!

Send contributions to the Bennie Lenard Defense Fund c/o Seaway National Bank, 645 E. 87th Street, Chicago 60919

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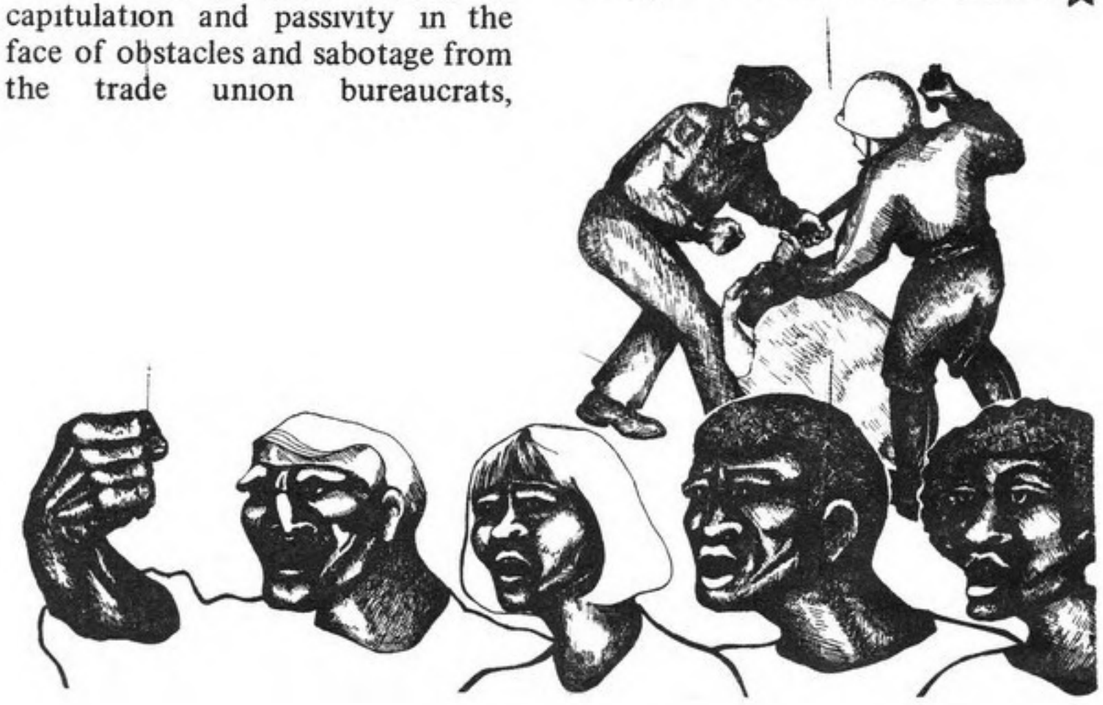


Summer of Repression in Chicago

Five Chicago youths have been murdered by police this summer

These attacks are not isolated incidents, but represent a growing trend of vicious brutality directed against the working class and oppressed nationalities

On June 4, in Humboldt Park, two Puerto Rican youths, Julio Osorio and Rafael Cruz, were gunned down in the midst of a police attack on a crowd celebrating after a Puerto Rican Day Parade All evidence points to outright murder of these two youths by the police

Another youth, John Neuman , 18, was shot in the back and killed after a cop stepped into a dispute over a motorbike Neuman was handcuffed and the cops knew his name and address, yet when he began to run he was shot in the back The police department was forced to suspend the cop who pulled the trigger, primarily because the youth was white

When Stanley Cox was killed, the cops concocted a phony story to justify their actions Cox, 16 years old, was one of three young Blacks in a school yard one warm night The official police version claims that Cox and his two friends were vandalizing the school While the cops had Cox and one friend spread-eagled against the wall while they were searched and questioned at gunpoint, the 3rd youth jumped off a rooftop onto the cop, causing his gun to just go off Stanley Cox was shot in the head This far-fetched story fails to explain why the two cops held the youths at gunpoint in the first place.

Demetrius Thomas was also murdered by two cops who each fired twice at the 15 year old Black youth Thomas and his family were having a birthday party in their home when they heard a burglar in the apartment upstairs and called the police But when the police arrived, in plainclothes, they burst unannounced into the birthday party, with guns drawn, even though they had been clearly told the burglary was in the upstairs apartment Thomas jumped out the window in panic and was shot four times The police weren't even reprimanded

The Chicago Police Department and city government are skilled at whitewashing these police crimes But the phony investigations deceive fewer people as the toll of these police attacks increases So far this year, 71 youths have been shot by Chicago police, the great majority of them Black and other national minorities Last year 96 and in 1975 over 130 youths were shot and 32 murdered These attacks on youth are not accidental They are another ugly feature on the face of the capitalist system, which ignores the conditions and needs of youth, but shows no hesitation in using the heavy hand of police terror against them

While this goes on all year, each summer when thousands of youths are out of school and unemployed, without any organized activities, the police greatly increase their efforts to keep the lid on the growing outrage of youth The level of this repression is growing as the overall crisis of capitalism deepens More and more, capitalism is unable to even provide jobs for the millions who need them, and this hits hardest at youth, and minority youth in particular The entire school system is deteriorating, the fact that there are thousands of youths graduating from high school who can't even read gives testimony to this fact The future for youth is very bleak under capitalism the youth know it and the capitalists know it So to deter the inevitable uprising of young people, the capitalists step up the attacks on them And as a result, we find our young men in particular, like Stanley Cox and Demetrius Thomas and all the others, being murdered in increasing numbers

While we are clear that the bleak future for our youth will change only when we end the rule of the capitalists, we must do everything we can to prevent these kinds of attacks on them now The outrageous tactics of the police must end We demand an end to police murder, brutality, and harassment in our communities We demand that the police who murdered these youths be immediately removed from the police force and tried for murder We demand that the families of these youths be paid compensation for their great loss

The mighty rage of the working class is building in opposition to these kinds of atrocities which are committed against us every day The working class, led by its communist party, will eventually sweep away the last remnants of capitalist brutality and the police henchmen who carry it out ★

While Chicago police murder youths of all nationalities, they stand by as fascist gangs, wearing white supremacist t shirts, attack Blacks near Marquette Park

STRUGGLE FOR THE MASSES

The Fight for Land in Hawaii

Aggressive U S imperialism invaded and suppressed the Native Hawaiian people, stealing their land, attempting to destroy their culture and language, finally annexing Hawaii as the 50th state in 1959 Genocidal attacks against Hawaiians were not unlike those against Native Americans

And . . . an End to its Use by the Military

The theft of the land of the Hawaiian people has been a long process It began with political intrigues, and propping up "royalty" (in ancient Hawaii there were no kings and queens, only chiefs) These aided the conditions for the adoption of the capitalist form of land use in 1848 This capitalist form of land use overthrew the communal form in favor of land under the private ownership of individuals

The mass of Hawaiian people, who were far greater in number then, than today, lost their rights to live directly off the land during a relatively short historical period because of this change in economic system and forms of legality that accompanied it The purchase and sale of land as private property, registration of land, and the idea of taxation were alien concepts to Hawaiians For the most part, they ignored the new laws, even if they heard about them, and went about their business fishing and farming until they were either forced to sell to pay debts or driven off by the law of the rising capitalist class for not paying taxes

Together with a small bribed stratum of Hawaiians, a small group of capitalists accumulated the majority of the land They began converting the land, through the penal contract labor system, into giant semi-feudal plantations for sugar, then later pineapple A reflection of this land accumulation today is the fact that 72 private landowners, the State and Federal governments, own 96 15% of all the land in the Hawaiian Islands Even more startling are the figures for military control of Oahu, where Honolulu is located and where 80% of the state's population lives While the land owned, ceded or leased by the military in the whole state is 6 1%, almost all of it is on Oahu There it amounts to a whopping 25 5% or 97,180 acres!

A qualitative change in the trend of rising capitalism came in 1893 with the forcible overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy By this time Hawaiians had been suppressed and their numbers so reduced by the invading system of capitalism that there was no substantial armed resistance, yet resentment, even outrage, continues to this day

Lingering resentment and a rising consciousness and determination have resulted in one proposal to "settle" the matter through monetary reparations like the settlement the U S government made with the native Alaskans There are many issues involved One is the sheer quantity of money Next to Manhattan Island, Hawaiian real estate is just about the most valuable in the world Figures proposed fall far short of the real worth Another question is where such money would go Those who want these kind of reparations are generally anxious to "manage" it in some form of trust or investment Needless to say, working class Hawaiians, like workers of all nationalities, have little faith in such money managers or their political representatives

Oppose the Military Presence in Hawaii

The people of Hawaii refuse to bargain land for dollars, no matter how many Very much like native Americans, they say the land is the foundation of existence, and is too sacred to be sold The phrase "Aloha Aina" (love for the land) is being popularized by the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana (ohana is family) Aloha Aina is a profound and comprehensive cultural, religious, political and economic view It is most clear in the case of Kaho'olawe, the island used by the military for target practice since 1952, and controlled by them since World War II

Long "educated" by the ruling class that Kaho'olawe was nothing but a barren pile of rocks, recent landing parties of Hawaiian activists have made first hand investigation and have found it capable of sustaining considerable life Its 45 square miles did in fact sustain Hawaiians of the ancient society, as evidenced by numerous archeological finds

Hawaiians in increasing numbers, along with other nationalities, are becoming impatient with the military bombing and even the military presence in Hawaii itself People are beginning to see that this presence, far from "guaranteeing our security" in fact makes us a certain target in another world war Oahu alone, has 2 dozen military bases After all, it was not Kaho'olawe or Molokai that got bombed by the Japanese imperialists on December 7, 1941; it was Pearl Harbor, the site of the heaviest concentration of military force It is no coincidence then, that on August 4, the Oahu Branch of Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana held a mass demonstration at the gate of Pearl Harbor raising the demand "Stop the Bombing!"

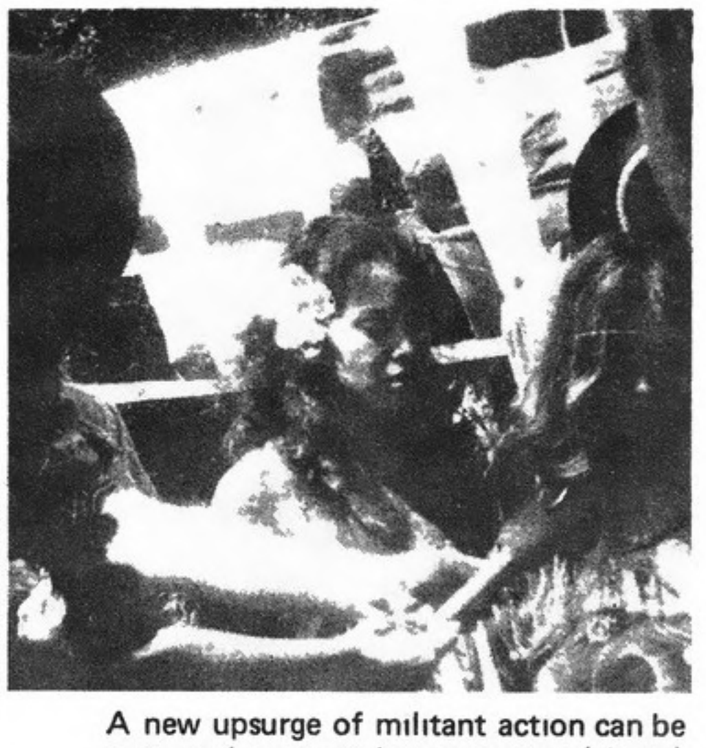
The demands for return of the land, for the end of military use of the land, the question of the status of Hawaiian sovereignty, the fast-rising interest in the Hawaiian language and culture by the younger Hawaiians are all evidence of a developing Hawaiian movement

What is missing in the movement is proletarian leadership based on Marxism-Leninism At present many naive and idealistic notions exist among activists and some revolutionaries Some believe that to be morally against the system will be enough for success The political system is correctly seen as corrupt, but little understanding exists about imperialism as a total system including the reactionary nature of the capitalist state apparatus

The leadership of Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana has successfully upheld internationalism in its ranks, welcoming all people who genuinely share the convictions of the organization But lacking a class criterion, they have held high hopes that federal Judge Samuel King, a part-Hawaiian, could be won over as a person of Hawaiian ancestry They regard his negative role in the conviction of the Hawaiian activists for trespassing as a personal betrayal on his part as opposed to seeing how the courts are a part of the class rule of the imperialist bourgeoisie

These kind of views will serve only to prop up the rule of the imperialists The struggle for control of the land and an end to its use by the military must be firmly linked to the struggle against all idealist and reformist views. With this understanding, under the leadership of the working class party, victory will be certain

Organize to Seize the Land, Factories and Political Power !



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A new upsurge of militant action can be seen in the recent demonstration (above) at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, against the U S bombing of Kaho'olawe

The Working Class Looks at the Military

UNIONIZE THE MILITARY!

The basic organization of the working class in its struggle against capitalism is the trade union Historically, unions were formed by workers as they became conscious of their position as a class, and as the working class became a class for itself Today, that consciousness is spreading within the military Recently, over 1900 enlisted people signed a petition demanding the democractic right to unionize Talk of the possibility of unionization has been rampant American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), is about to take a referendum within its union to decide if it should undertake a unionizing drive Senator Strom Thurmond has introduced a bill which makes advocacy of a military union a federal crime

While Thurmond's view certainly represents that of the bulk of the bourgeoisie and the military brass, there is a sizable group among military officiers who are prepared to accept the idea The nature of much of the talk of unionizing, and the Dutch experience may give some indication why AFGE's bureaucracy, of course, only wants to begin organizing in the military because the membership of the union has declined considerably over the past few years and the military is seen as a vast, untapped source of dues Those bureaucrats who are advocating the union drive talk about the "inevitability" of a union and wish to insure that AFGE is the union soldiers join With AFGE as it exists today, there won't be any problems for the bourgeoisie AFGE has represented federal employees for 30 years without ever violating the governments prohibition against strikes

At the same time, much of the advocacy of unionization by the few remaining groups doing GI organizing has failed to address directly the basic questions of class struggle that underlie the need for a union

In Holland, where the military is unionized, the union has not adversely affected the efficiency of the Dutch army It has put an end to some regulations, like hair length and compulsory salutes, thus making some soldiers more content But it has not touched any questions of class struggle **A union which deals with gripes and not with substantive problems of the working class is not something to be feared by the military brass, any more than a union which signs the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA), is to be feared by the capitalists**

Because of the superficiality of much of the organizing around the unionization issue, and the failure to develop a clear program of class struggle, vast numbers of GI's, particularly the most advanced, have not yet taken up the struggle Moreover, much of the work has been done by civilians, who are unable to provide day-to-day leadership to GI struggles

The difficulty of organizing in the ranks is compounded by the ability of the military to get rid of active organizers quickly, legally and otherwise, and to transfer people anywhere in the world at a moment's notice As more and more people take up the struggle, these problems will be overcome, but they must be dealt with carefully and consciously at this stage Much of the work will have to be secret, both for building a union and for making that union a tool of revolutionary struggle For this reason, civilian "organizers" can serve only a limited function, and one which will become increasingly more limited as contradictions intensify

We must also recognize that within the military, as everywhere else, there is an aristocracy that consistently takes the stand of the ruling class High-ranking enlisted people act as supervisors whose role is to control the rank-and-file and serve the interests of the officers and the bourgeoisie They even have their own organizations, in which they drape themselves in the American flag and patriotism They are consistent and conscious agents of the bourgeoisie within the enlisted ranks, and have no place in an enlisted people's union

A GI union is on the horizon, but will be ardently opposed by most of the bourgeoisie As repression increases, the tasks of organizing a union will become more difficult Such a union can be a significant tool of class struggle, one which can prepare enlisted people for imperialist war and resistence to such a war The task of the working class movement is to build such a union on a firm, anti-imperialist program, in the course of expelling the bureaucrats from the trade union movement and isolating the labor aristocracy and all bourgeois influence from the union **A military union must unite with the entire working class movement in this struggle and has a special obligation to be in the front line of opposition to imperialist war** ★

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Stop the Bombing of Kaho'olawe!

Honolulu, Hawaii – On Thursday, August 4th, approximately 100 people rallied to the call for a demonstration at one of the gates of the huge Pearl Harbor Naval Base near Honolulu The demonstration, announced by Protect Kaho'olawe gave support to the activists involved in the 5th landing on the military target island of Kaho'olawe The demonstration was spirited with three huge banners facing the busy intersection traffic "Stop the Bombing", "Protect Kaho'olawe" and "Aloha Aina" (Love the Land)

This uninhabited island of 45 square miles, has been used for 25 years for bombing practice and other weapons practice by the U S military, primarily the Navy Landings on the island by Native Hawaiians and supporters have increased in both numbers and frequency since the first landing in early 1976 As of this writing, 14 of 20 people involved in this 5th occupation have been removed by military authorities Two activists, Walter Ritte and Richard Sawyer, are currently in jail without bail on a trespass charge and for failing to come before a federal judge at a court-scheduled appearance

These charges must be dropped! It is the U S military who is the real trespasser, not the Native Hawiians, on their own land! ★

Theory of the "Three Worlds" Opposes Marxism-Leninism

Long Live Leninism!

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major contradictions of our era To achieve victory, battle must be waged against imperialism and social-imperialism, and against each and every compromising and opportunist agent or prop of capitalist reaction

What the theory of the "Three Worlds" divides is not the proletariat and its allies from the bourgeoisie, but the proletariat itself

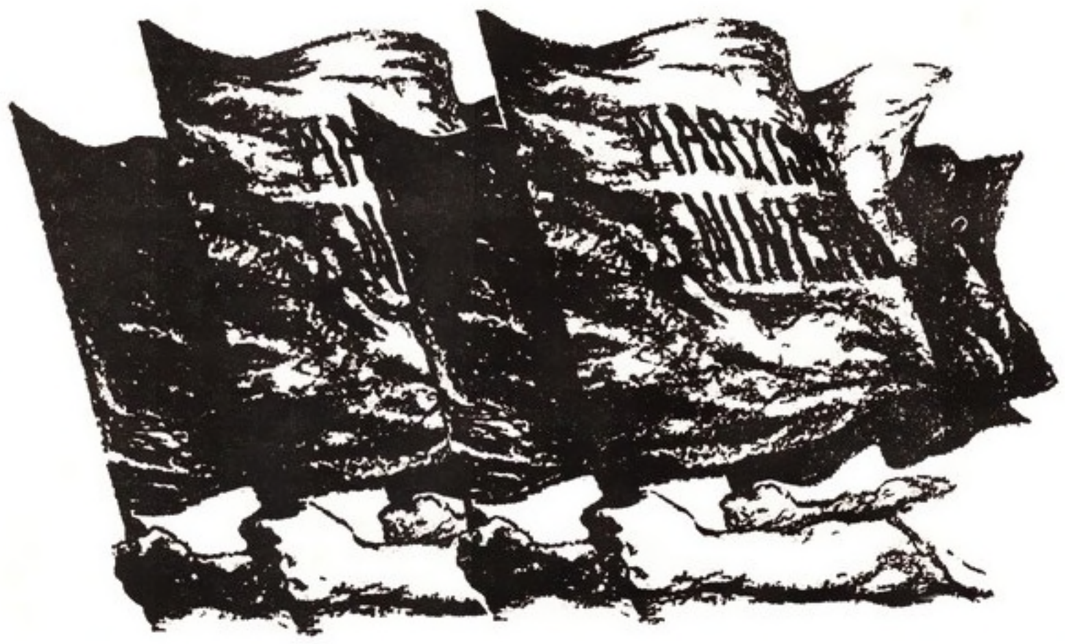
Ever since the seizure of state power by the Russian working class in alliance with the peasantry, a clear and unmistakable division emerged in the world On the one hand stands the proletariat and its allies, the dictatorship of the proletariat and national liberation On the other hand stands the bourgeoisie and its agents, fascism and imperialist war This is the only true guide to distinguish our friends from our enemies, the only basis of correct strategy and tactics

To abandon this viewpoint, to chop up the revolutionary forces and preach a theory of non-alignment and class collaboration, is to stand opposed to everything the working class has fought for and achieved in the history of class struggle To spread such confusion, to abandon the lessons learned by billions of working people worldwide, over half a century in countless countries, is to try and turn history upside down

Many times in our era forces emerged in defense of imperialism which sought to confuse and mislead the proletariat Each and every time Marxist-Leninists have battled against opportunism Now is such a time No theory of "Three Worlds", non-alignment or defense of the fatherland can pass itself off as successor to the Great October Revolution

Marxism-Leninism will surely triumph in combat against modern revisionism, just as the proletariat will achieve victory over the bourgeoisie ★

BUILD THE PARTY OF



PREPARE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF THE PARTY!

Certain events in the last few months have provided a great impetus in this country toward preparing the subjective conditions for the formation of a genuine vanguard communist party

The sharpening debate over the international situation, and the great clarity regarding the historic mission of the proletariat that has resulted from the struggle against the opportunist theory of the "Three Worlds", has greatly sharpened the fighting sword of Marxism-Leninism in this country and worldwide

In addition, the recent formation of the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) has provided the working class a great service by means of negative example In so clearly holding aloft the banner of national chauvinism and rank careerism, the CP(ML) has helped in important ways to clearly and vividly draw definite lines of demarcation between Marxism-Leninism and opportunism, thereby helping to prepare the subjective conditions required for the formation of a genuine Marxist-Leninist party

Both of these developments have produced a powerful upsurge of Marxist-Leninist struggle against opportunism, and are part of the historic struggle against modern revisionism which is an integral part of the necessary preparation of the conditions to form the communist party

Objective and Subjective Factors for Revolution Required

Forming a party is a question of correctly understanding the objective and subjective factors in making revolution

Revolution occurs because of the objective conflict between the new forces of production and the old relations of production In other words, the way this society is organized holds back the development of the material well-being of the society In the U S A , the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie prevents the vast majority, the working class, from developing the forces of production and building a society which is based on high moral values as well as material well-being The vast resources and wealth of this country have gone to a handful of rich imperialists, while the masses of people struggle to even survive in the face of unemployment, speed-ups, inflation, the threat of war, and moral decay The problem is not that there isn't enough to go around the problem is that what is there is ripped off and hoarded by this handful

In the capitalist countries, the objective conditions for revolution fully exist In the U S today, there has been a great sharpening of the contradictions between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, and between the imperialist bourgeoisie and the oppressed nations and peoples of this country The result has been a powerful upsurge in the spontaneous working class movement, the strike movement, opposition to the labor aristocracy, support for the national liberation movements and a genuine hunger for Marxism-Leninism

But the objective conditions alone are not sufficient to successfully make revolution **It is the relationship of the objective to the subjective conditions which determines the victory of the revolution**

The subjective factors are the level of class conscious preparation, in the form of organization, of the Marxist-Leninist party and the working class movement for the actual seizure of state power The level of class conscious struggle on the part of the working class is expressed in many ways, but the most important expression is the existence of the political party of the working class, the communist party It is the masses who make revolution, but it is the communist party which must make them conscious, provide genuine leadership and bring forth organization

The need to form this advanced detachment of the proletariat has existed ever since the Communist Party U S A took the road of class collaboration and modern revisionism in 1944 The formation of the party is not essentially a question of timing or of numbers It is a question of whether the correct preparation of the subjective factors has been carried out so as to insure that this party will be capable of leading the working class through the ebbs and flows, zigs and zags, of the struggle for working class political power

Given our conditions in the U S , this is a question of insuring that the party is formed in struggle against modern revisionism, insuring the correctness of the stand, method and viewpoint of the party, and insuring the basic Marxist-Leninist nature of the party program

In Struggle Against Opportunism

In the past, the MLOC incorrectly stated that the formation of the party depended upon the existing level of fusion between Marxism-Leninism and the working class movement With this viewpoint, we confused the spontaneous working class movement with the class conscious activity of the proletariat — as if vanguard communist leadership would, somehow, come spontaneously out of the workers movement We thought that fusion was a pre-condition for the formation of the party, rather than understanding that the formation of a vanguard party is a reflection of the fusion that exists The formation and development of the communist party is a very high expression of this fusion between Marxism-Leninism and the working class movement

The result was a belittlement of the conscious element, and a conservative, tailing attitude toward the formation of a party For example, when we issued a call for joint work on the party program, our organization itself did not at the same time proceed in the drafting of that program, but bowed to the spontaneous developments, and failed to bring forward a program when other forces did not come forward to do joint work on the program

In short, our efforts to form a party were characterized by a right opportunist bowing to the spontaneous movement and belittlement of the conscious forces, and our own role in bringing the party into being

As a result of the struggle against both right and "left" deviations waged in our organization actively over the last year, we have come to the correct recognition that if a party is to be formed, genuine leadership must be given, it will not fall spontaneously out of the sky

Tasks to Complete

Today, the necessary forces to create a party in the U S A are vigorously being created As stated in the past, five tasks must be carried out

1) the development of industrial and political concentration in the most strategic centers of capital

2) the drafting and circulation of a party program

3) the development of the Marxist-Leninist press and ideological center

4) the uniting of Marxist-Leninist forces throughout the country

5) the preparation and carrying out of the founding party congress

In the course of the last two years the MLOC has made great advances in carrying out these tasks The concentration of our organization in strategic centers, the rapid devel-

HISTORY

In the last chapter of the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (HCPSU[B]), a peace had been concluded with the German imperialists and the government had turned toward consolidation of Soviet power The Entente powers, however, were not at all pleased with the peace between Germany and the Soviet Union

The Entente feared that this would improve Germany's position in the war, that it could create a craving for peace worldwide, and that the Soviet Union might prove to be an infectious example among the proletariat in other countries The last reason was in many ways the imperialists' greatest fear So the Entente powers joined with the reactionary Whiteguard forces in the Soviet Union to overthrow the first socialist state

THE WORKING CLASS!

opment of UNITE! and other forms of agitation and propaganda throughout the nation, the building of international ties and the promotion of proletarian internationalism, the fight that is being waged for the right of self-determination in the Black Belt Nation, are all important indications of the actual ability of the MLOC to play a leading role in the formation of a party The correct stand, method and viewpoint of the MLOC has been one of upholding proletarian internationalism, applying dialectics to solve problems and viewing conditions from a materialist point of view We have demonstrated our concern for the well-being of the class by taking up the fight for day to day demands and linking those with the final aim We have also shown the great respect we hold for the masses of people by the development of UNITE! as a real weapon for the class, in the teaching of Marxism-Leninism to workers who come forward in the class struggle, in respecting the ability of the working class to understand communism, to welcome and embrace it and take it up as its own This is a far different attitude toward the masses than has been taken by the Revolutionary Communist Party with its separate papers for workers and intellectuals, its bankrupt line that workers can't under stand a big word like imperialism, but can only comprehend the term "rich man" It is also very different than the kind of consistent wrecking and splitting of mass organizations carried out by the CP(ML) in their efforts to throw out all who disagree with them and to gain bureaucratic control, as reflected in the CP(ML)'s work in the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), which has been reduced to a small circle of CP(ML) members and sympathizers

The last few months have seen a powerful upsurge of struggle within the MLOC to correctly shoulder the tasks of preparing the conditions for the party – spurred in the main by the struggle against modern revisionism Soon these fruits will be shown in the publication of a draft party program, which will be a powerful Marxist-Leninist weapon against opportunism

In the months ahead we will attempt to sum up the advances which have been accomplished and discuss both the positive and negative lessons learned in this struggle to form a party Our aim is to insure that the work of the proletariat is carried out in the most systematic, bold and conscientious manner, to place Marxism-Leninism at the forefront of the class struggle, and to lead the working class in finally accomplishing its most pressing task, that of building its own revolutionary political party

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Conditions in Russia were extremely hard at this time There had not been the time to put the young socialist country firmly on its feet, there was a great shortage of food and other basic necessities However, despite tremendous hardship neither the working class nor its party lost heart They proved the latent supply of energy the working class had was inexhaustible The Soviet government instituted War Communism in order to get through this diffficult period Industry was nationalized, as were grain supplies, and universal labor service for all classes was instituted

An imperialist blockade surrounded Russia, attacks were launched on all fronts simultaneously, and within the Red Army's own ranks there was outright treachery by Trotsky And yet despite all these odds, Socialist Russia was victorious in defeating the imperialist invaders

There were many important reasons for this victory

1 The Soviet government had a correct policy which corresponded to the interests of the people

2 The Red Army was loyal and faithful to the people

3 The Soviet government was able to mobilize the whole country to serve the needs of the front

4 The Red Army understood the aims and purpose of the war and displayed extreme self-sacrifice

5 The war against the imperialists was led by the Communist Party

6 Military commanders of a new type were produced, who were politically educated by such leaders as Lenin and Stalin

7 In the rear of the Whiteguards, Bolsheviks were organizing revolts

8 There was great international support which demanded "HANDS OFF RUSSIA"

During the war there were important party congresses held At the 8th Party Congress, a new program was adopted which detailed the specific tasks of the party in the struggle for socialism It reaffirmed the necessity of the right of self-determination of nations even under socialism This Congress also determined a policy toward the middle peasants This was extremely important for the cause of the proletariat and would prove to be decisive in the battle against imperialist intervention The Congress put out the call to win over the middle peasants to the side of the proletariat and build a stable alliance

During the war, a revolutionary tide was sweeping Europe, communist parties were forming and were taking the lead in the struggles of the proletariat against the opportunists of the 2nd International There developed a material basis for a 3rd Communist International This was a true Marxist-Leninist International which was led by Lenin It adopted a manifesto calling on the proletariat of all countries to fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat This was a battle call for the international proletariat and greatly aided Soviet Russia in defending the homeland

LESSONS FOR TODAY

One of the most important lessons we can learn from this section of the HCPSU(B) is the strength of revolutionary forces This means that socialist countries can defend themselves, that national liberation struggles can succeed, and that the proletariat will triumph in its battle against imperialism This is an extremely timely lesson for us today, as the two superpowers, the U S and the U S S R are pushing the world towards another world war

As we point out in our article on the "three worlds"(p 3), there is a dangerous trend developing in the world that is disregarding this important lesson of history We must learn not only from Russian history, but also from Vietnam, that the proletariat can indeed prevent war, can indeed overthrow imperialism and reaction if only we dare to struggle

The fact that the superpowers have very sophisticated weaponry, bombs and missiles,is not the determining factor as they would like us to believe We know from the past that the masses are the makers of history Great battles can be won if they are guided by a correct line, are led by a genuine communist party and have the support of the masses This is the basis for our revolutionary optimism This is the basis for saying that either revolution will prevent war or war will give rise to revolution

Another important lesson for us is how the Bolshevik Party, because of its correct relationship to the masses and guided by the science of Marxism-Leninism, was able to correctly lead the masses of Russia to yet another victory The working class of the U S needs such a party to take the lead in all of its battles against the capitalist class We need to build a party that is capable of knowing how to advance and how to retreat, like the Bolsheviks did in WWI against the imperialists We need to build a party that is capable of determining who are our friends and who are our enemies, as the Bolsheviks determined about the peasantry in Russia A party of this type does not yet exist in this country It is our task to build it

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PLO

On July 28, UNITE! conducted an interview with Zehdi Labib Terzi, the Palestine Liberation Organization's permanent observer to the United Nations

Above, refugee camps set up in any available old buildings after the 1948 war when Palestinians were driven from their homeland At right, after 1967 war refugees were again forced to move, but rebuilt camps, including schools. Below, liberation fighters continue armed struggle against Zionist settler regime, intent on the goal of a free Palestine.

★ **UNITE! What is the current situation in the Palestinian struggle?**

PLO In terms of the Palestinian struggle, the situation is very clear that we have no choice but to continue our armed struggle, jointly with our diplomatic and political struggle The fact that the U S remains the only supporter, morally and financially and militarily of the state of Israel goes to show that this Zionist state depends on its survival on U S interest and that this state shouldn't be there Considering that Israel is a U S base in the area it is our duty to conquer that base This adds to our duties because among others our first duty is to return to our homes We are struggling for national liberation from the agents of the U S When I say the agents of the U S I'm not speaking metaphorically But when someone comes here, like Begin, and returns with an additional 250 million dollars, that was proceeded by a donation of 115 million dollars, with more F 16's, Cobra helicopters, and then returns and within 24 hours and declares that the illegal Jewish settlements are legalized, then the only explanation is that he had received the green light from the U S administration So our struggle now is becoming more acute These confrontations and acts by the Zionists and Begin are bringing us nearer and nearer to a widespread war in the area What happened when those settlements were legalized, this was followed by our people using armed struggle There were a series of explosions in different places Tel Aviv, Jerusalem This will lead to a confrontation with the forces of occupation This will be escalated I really cannot predict what the results will be

★ **UNITE What are the present demands of the PLO?**

PLO I would say the present demands of the Palestinian people are that we demand to be home I don't think that people in the U S know what it means to be deprived or denied the right to be in your home? not a house but your homeland Once we get home what do we want? Just like other people all over the world, we want to exercise the right of self-determination The immediate demands for us are that we should return to our Palestine, establish ourselves, as a step towards bringing a better future in the area

★ **UNITE Begin has stated that he would not sit down and negotiate directly with the PLO Yassar Arafat has also said that the PLO should be flexible in dealing with Israel How do you see this?**

PLO Flexibility is one thing and denying our existence is another We can be flexible when we talk politics but that would require us to be able to be present to sit down and talk We cannot be flexible about our identity So how can anybody conceive of peace in the absence of the Palestinians? It's like going to a wedding without the groom there This is our position; very clearly, we are by right and in accordance with the resolutions by the United Nations, a principal party to be dealt with on an equal footing in any deliberations and efforts toward peace in the area

★ **UNITE So would you say that Begin has no intention of negotiating any kind of serious peace with the Palestinian people?**

PLO Begin has all the intentions of leading the area into another war These fascists breed on war With people that go back with all those millions and all those arms, I don't think they are thinking of peace

★ **UNITE What influence do you think that Zionism has in the U S?**

PLO I think that overall, the Zionists are very few in number, yet they do control not only the media, but in fact they could at any time get some 60 or 70 signatures in Congress This means that they are very strongly entrenched there The fact that the Zionists have such power shows that the system here is linked to Zionism which is a form of racism and which is the other side of the coin of colonialism You just have to link those things together Zionism is not a messianic message, it is an economic concept, it is a racist concept, all these things are linked together

★ **UNITE Israel is facing an economic crisis Is there resistance by the working class there to the measures being taken by the Zionist government regarding this?**

PLO I would say give it a little time to surface I do expect conflict and even a confrontation between the people and the government there And that's where my fears come that we might have another major war in the area Because to evade a confrontation with the people on a domestic issue, they will create an international issue Then they can appeal to the patriotism of the people So the confrontation is inevitably coming and presenting the war would be an alternative Begin brought the F-16's not to confront the strikers but to start a war with its neighbors

★ **UNITE To what extent do you think that the people of the U S know about your struggle and how can we help to build support for your struggle?**

PLO All the progressive movements here have really done some wonderful work I remember in June, for example, there was this Salute to Israel demonstration A number of democratic Americans joined the anti-Salute to Israel march To my great satisfaction a number of them were Jews who took the mike and condemned Zionism What we are after is not sympathy, we are after understanding We want the people to understand our cause We want them to understand exactly the basis of our struggle We depend on sincere Americans who know what we want and know how to take it to the people of the U S This is what needs to be done

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result the rulers of these countries are willing to sell out the interests of the Palestinian peoples in order to preserve their own regimes

A supposed blocking point in the negotiations has been around the United Nations Resolution 242 This ambiguous resolution states that Israel must withdraw its troops from all territories seized after the 1967 war It also requires that the sovereignty and independence of all states in the area must be recognized This includes Israel The PLO historically has not recognized the right of a Zionist Israel to exist, but has called for a secular state to include both Palestinians and Jews Recently, however, there has been some vacillation on this question and an indication that they may be willing to accept some revised edition of the resolution The PLO, after the 1967 war in Lebanon, indicated they would accept a Palestinian state on the West Bank But they in no way backed down from their intentions to continue armed struggle for the liberation of their entire homeland Therefore, whether or not they accept a revised edition of the UN resolution is not the determining factor in the outcome of a Middle East settlement; rather, it is their determination to continue to wage armed struggle until the aims of the Palestinians are achieved

In the continuing struggle for the right of self-determination for the Palestinian peoples, we must demand their right to take part in any negotiations about peace settlements in the Middle East There is no way that any settlement can take place with one of the major participants absent from the bargaining table

We must also continue to support the armed struggle that the Palestinian people are waging As Mao Tsetung said, "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun "

Victory to the Palestinian Peoples!

From the People's Front in CHILE ...

"Raise International Solidarity"

This September 11th marks the 4th anniversary of the bloody fascist coup in Chile In the past four years, the masses of Chilean people have courageously resisted their oppression under the most difficult circumstances Daily they face murder, torture, exploitation and starvation Today, the Peoples' Front, led by a vanguard communist party, spearheads the growing Chilean Resistance

Last month (August 1977) marked the second anniversary of the first publication of ANCHA, the newspaper of the Chilean People's Front During the past two years, ANCHA has played a major role, both in gathering world-wide support for the struggle, and in organizing the secret Resistance committees at home

Also, this month signifies the publication of 50 uninterrupted clandestine editions of El Pueblo, the organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile

In firm solidarity with the Chilean people in their struggle against both U S imperialism and internal fascist reaction, UNITE! publishes the following article from ANCHA On this fourth anniversary of the coup, we salute the heroic Chilean people, and encourage all progressive and freedom-loving people to build support for the Chilean people and to materially aid their struggle by sending any possible donation

For the world's' people, the path is torturous, but the future is bright!

September 11, will mark four years since fascism was installed with blood and fire in Chile Four years of fierce repression, exploitation, and misery Those four years also have been ones of popular response, of resistance, of struggle against fascism and of the development of the people's secret organizations

While we have said that the destruction of the dictatorship depends fundamentally on the struggle that the Chilean people themselves develop, without a doubt international solidarity also plays an important part The People's Front strives for this solidarity primarily **with the struggle of the Chilean people,** at this time propagating these struggles as it is supporting them unconditionally On the other side, we also denounce the fierce repression, the crimes, the oppression, and super-exploitation of the dictatorship against our people and demand freedom for all political prisoners. At the same time, we promote discussion and analysis of the lessons that have been derived from the Chilean experience The People's Front is trying hard to build international solidarity with the struggle of the Chilean people, towards combatting that which lies ahead for all the world's peoples, especially Latin Americans

This September, in the 4th year of the dictatorship and also the 4th year of the popular resistance we are calling for an intensification of the actions of solidarity with the struggle of the Chilean people

1) Disseminate information, leaflets and articles on the subject,
2) Hold rallies and public actions, demonstrations in front of the Chilean embassy in various countries,
3) Hold forums analyzing the Chilean experience, the actual political situation in the country, and the path of resistance undertaken by our people

We call on all the sectors that support our struggle to translate and publish, for distribution in September, an issue of ANCHA in the greatest number of languages

In this campaign of solidarity we must raise funds to send to the Resistance organizations that struggle **in Chile** Referring to the economic solidarity of the People's Front has remained very important, and we reiterate once again that all the money received is sent to Chile, and once over there the People's Front will send a note confirming that aid was received, directly to those that contributed it

We are making a call to collect the maximum amount of money during September in order to effectively respond to the Resistance in Chile All support must be sent by certified check or postal money order to

Bernard Guerrien
c/o ANCHA
B P 59 – Paris 75623
Cedex 13 France

Comrades of the People's Front

We are making this contribution in order to assist the struggle that lies ahead for the Chilean people to overthorw the dictatorship, crush fascism and obtain true liberation

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VICTORY TO THE CHILEAN PEOPLE!

QUEBEC WORKERS SHOT BY COMPANY GOONS

Armed thugs, part of a private army of goons employed by U S owned Robin Hood Multifoods Ltd at its Montreal, Quebec flour mill, opened fire with shotguns and wounded eight striking workers on July 22 The workers, who have been waging a militant and determined strike since February, were shot while participating in a demonstration in front of the mill When workers attempted to prevent scabs from hauling off flour, the Montreal police riot squad attacked the workers, enabling the scabs to drive loaded flour trucks away When the scabs had gone, the police left It was then that the goons shot the workers

Robin Hood is owned by International Multifoods Corporation, a U S conglomerate For several months, the workers have been under attack by both Robin Hood capitalists and the bourgeois state

– First, the federal government intervened on behalf of the Robin Hood capitalists by rolling back the wage increases won by the Robin Hood workers in their contract The rollback decreed by the "Anti-Inflation Board" would have resulted in a decline in the real wages of the workers and sunk them even deeper into poverty

– When the workers refused to capitulate to the ruling of the "AIB", and went on strike in protest, the Robin Hood capitalists were able to obtain a court injunction declaring the strike to be "illegal" and ordering the workers back to work

– When the workers continued to defy not only the "AIB", but also the court injunction, the state intervened again, this time with their police riot squad, which was regularly on hand at the mill to allow scabs hired by the Robin Hood capitalists to enter the mill and haul away flour

Quebec is an oppressed nation within Canada The workers who were attacked are French-speaking Quebecois Quebec has suffered the highest unemployment rate and sharply falling wages during the present economic crisis The Quebecois workers have been in the forefront of the fight against the "AIB" Also, the Party Quebecois, a bourgeois nationalist party which recently won parliamentary control of the province, clearly demonstrated its reactionary nature The use of the state police proves the PQ is a party in the service of the bourgeoisie, and not in the service of the working class of Quebec

From the beginning of the struggle, the federal and Quebec governments have served the bourgeoisie on every issue, and provided them with every assistance to defeat the striking workers Since the shooting, both governments are frantically maneuvering to mask their criminal roles in this outrage and to deflect the workers from the path of militant struggle against the reactionary violence of the bourgeoisie

The working class, both in Canada and internationally, must organize its own self-defense against this kind of violence Reactionary violence must be met with revolutionary violence The proletariat must fight the armed bourgeoisie by arming itself under the leadership of its communist party and carry out self-defense through the revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of capital and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat There is no other way.★

In Memory of Mao Tsetung...

DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN!

It was a year ago, in the early morning hours of September 9, that Mao Tsetung died In those dark days following his death, the peoples of the world mourned with heavy grief the passing of a great revolutionary leader and teacher

Comrade Mao Tsetung's contributions to the struggle of the world's proletariat and oppressed people against imperialism, against social-imperialism and against all forces of reaction stand out in bold relief These contributions – so vast and so profound – are a living treasurehouse of revolution which will forever guide the toiling and oppressed masses in the fight for freedom, for democracy and for socialism

Mao was a founder of the Chinese Communist Party He led the Party and the Chinese people through long and legendary class struggle defeating international imperialism and internal reaction He formulated the strategy and tactics of people's protracted war in China, which led to victory after 25 years of armed struggle, and to the establishment of the People's Republic of China

As helmsman of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party, Mao led the Chinese people in socialist construction, teaching them to carry on the revolution and promote production, to develop self-reliance and to take class struggle as the key link He led the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution which was a national and international triumph for Marxism-Leninism in its life and death struggle against modern revisionism, bourgeois restoration of capitalism, and centuries of old ideas that hold back socialist construction and the victory of communism Under Mao Tsetung, New China was transformed into an incomparable authority in the world She developed advanced science and technology, industry and agriculture, a stable economy free from crisis and unemployment New China became like a beacon for the oppressed and exploited people of the world, forever a glowing example of the brilliance and vitality of socialism

It was also comrade Mao Tsetung who reaffirmed the correct understanding that the dictatorship of the proletariat covers a considerable period of time During this period there are still classes and class struggle remains acute The old ruling classes never tire of seeking a comeback and will use the most treacherous and devious means Mao said quite frankly, that if we look for the bourgeoisie, we will find them right inside the Central Committee of the Party

In order to continually frustrate these attempts at capitalist restoration, Mao taught that the Party must rely on the masses They must be taught the science of Marxism-Leninism, and trained to take leadership in all spheres – science and industry, art and

culture, in the party and state apparatus He taught that the Party must maintain a Marxist-Leninist line and always take class struggle as the key link He instructed that there were three great styles of work, to integrate theory with practice, maintain close ties with the masses, and practice criticism and self-criticism With vigilance, the Communist Party of China under Chairman Mao's leadership, was able to defeat many enemies and maintain a correct Marxist-Leninist line

Mao Tsetung, a true revolutionary hero, one of the greatest Marxist-Leninists of the imperialist epoch, was able to achieve such great victories, only because he persisted in following the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism Never deviating, always developing and enriching, he applied the theory to the concrete conditions of the Chinese revolution It was Mao who taught that the masses are the makers of history The masses are the true heroes, and it was the masses of people who gave comrade Mao the strength to lead Taking the aspirations of the Chinese masses, he distilled them, based them upon Marxism-Leninism, and formulated a correct path Mao tirelessly served the people, and taught that to serve the people is the highest calling to which one can aspire

The party of the working class and the leaders that come forward in the class struggle to guide that struggle, represent the noblest qualities of the proletariat itself

All the victories of world historic importance achieved by the Chinese people have been inseparably linked with the correct revolutionary leadership of Mao Tsetung In life he was an inspiration to all revolutionary-minded people His death brought deep sorrow, but in mourning his passing, the world's exploited and oppressed peoples have heightened their determination to struggle ever more courageously against all those who seek to hold back the revolutionary tide of history Great sorrow has been transformed into a greater strength

All around the world, genuine Marxist-Leninist parties take up the world historic mission of the working class and the path abandoned by the revisionists, placing the question of the proletarian revolution squarely on the agenda Daily they answer the call to fear no sacrifice, struggling resolutely against imperialism, social-imperialism and all bourgeois reaction The national liberation movements, in the past year, have heightened their armed struggle, stepped forward in unity, and moved closer to victory over colonialism and neo-colonialism

But with each forward step for the revolution and for socialism, the enemies of the people step up their attacks As surely as this past year has seen many victories, also it has seen new attacks by the imperialists and their lackeys As the superpowers prepare for war, setting up their pacts and alliances with the lesser imperialist powers, the revisionist chorus that sings the swan's song of class peace and class collaboration schemes to extinguish the revolutionary fires of class struggle

A sober analysis of the world situation is in order We live in a revolutionary era World history is on the side of the proletariat in the life and death struggle taking place between the two worlds – that of socialism which is rising victoriously, and that of capitalism which is fighting viciously in its remaining days There is no room for complacence or passivity The times call for bold action The vanguard of the working class in each country must be able to find independent bearings in the turbulent sea of class struggle Learning from comrade Mao Tsetungs's life, while we deeply mourn his passing, we shall always remember

Nothing is hard in this world
if you dare to scale the heights!

Long live Marxism-Leninism Mao Tsetung Thought!

Victory to Socialism!

SUPPORT AZANIAN PATRIOTIC FIGHTERS!

The national liberation struggle of the Azanian people has passed over from separate demonstrations to continuous guerrilla warfare At the same time the Azanian students have kept up the pressure of almost daily demonstrations against the South African regime Many students have also joined the guerrilla forces Recently according to the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), over four hundred youth have joined the patriotic guerrilla forces

These patriot youths arrived at the guerrilla camp poorly clothed and without shoes The PAC is trying to raise the funds to properly clothe and shoe these liberation fighters Any contributions to this cause can be sent to

Pan Africanist Congress
875 West End Avenue
Room 14E
New York, N Y 10025

50 Marxist-Leninist Years

August 1 of this year marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). The date commemorates the famous Nanching Uprising of 1927 and the first shot against the reactionary Kuomintang.

Though the Uprising itself was a failure, success did come with Mao Tsetung's policies of putting politics in command, building rural revolutionary base areas, carrying out armed struggle, encircling the cities and finally seizing political power throughout the country in 1949.

Growing from the strength of the people, the PLA produces as well as it fights. It has always attached great importance to political work. The PLA has through the years gone among the masses, worked along side them and carried out political education.

Although our conditions differ significantly here in the U.S., we can and must learn great lessons from the PLA about Marxist-Leninist military warfare. ★

"Vain Efforts" by Albanian Artist Zef Bumci

Revolutionary Art in Service to the People

Over 30 years ago, Albanian comrade Zef Bumci published his first cartoon in an Albanian magazine Since that time he has steadfastly used his talent to serve the Albanian people and socialism His work has been inspired by the great ideas of our time - the ideas of Marxism-Leninism, of the Party of Labor of Albania, and of comrade Enver Hoxha

A collection of comrade Bumci's cartoons were recently published in dedication to the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Party of Labor of Albania Entitled TORN DOWN MASKS, it is a volume of his work on the theme of the struggle against imperialism and modern revisionism

Comrade Bumci's art has hit hard at everything regressive, reactionary and hostile to the world's peoples In this way, his work has served the revolutionary struggle of the Albanian people, helped to build up revolutionary optimism, and led to revolutionary action Revolutionary optimism springs from material reality It is born from grasping the historic mission of the working class as gravediggers of capitalism and midwives of the new socialist society, which is emerging from the belly of the old and decaying capitalist order Revolutionary optimism has nothing in common with wishful thinking or idealistic fantasy, for it is rooted in a dialectical and materialist understanding of the world

Comrade Bumci's art is a vivid example of the role revolutionary literature and art play in the struggle between the two worlds, capitalism and socialism, between the old that is dying away and the new that is being born Combining political clarity with professional mastery, he turned pen and brush into a keen-edged weapon in the class struggle He used humor not for humor's sake, but to illuminate and give expression to the ideas of Marxism-Leninism He exposed and ridiculed the enemies of the people, and rightfully elevated the working and oppressed people

All the great Marxist-Leninist teachers have addressed the role of art and literature in the revolution Mao Tsetung took a firm stand on the leading role revolutionary culture can play in the class struggle He said the pen and the brush, as weapons in class struggle, are one front in the struggle against the enemy Lenin spoke of the need for art and literature to "serve the millions and tens of millions of working people", and pointed out that "the elements of democratic and socialist culture are present, if only in rudimentary form, in every national culture, since in every nation there are toiling and exploited masses, whose conditions of life inevitably give rise to the ideology of democracy and socialism" (Lenin, ON PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, p 79)

In utilizing art and literature to serve the revolution, the starting point is grasping that all art and culture serve one class or another In class society, the dominant culture is always the culture of the ruling class. All culture develops in connection with historical and social connections Art is part of the superstructure that is founded upon the economic base of society, and reflects the social relations of any given society Comrade Enver Hoxha stated that, "Every creation, of every epoch whatever, has been done with tendency, is inspired by the ideas of time, bears the seal of class struggle "(Hoxha, REPORT TO THE 7TH CONGRESS OF THE PLA, p 148)

There is no form without content and no work of art without its ideological base The strength and vitality of the world's revolutionary people lives in its art forms, which must be preserved and developed into revolutionary art that serves the people in the class struggle Comrade Zef Bumci's cartoons are a living proof of the transforming role art can play in exposing the treachery of the opportunists, revisionists, and all enemies of the people, and in spreading the ideas of Marxism-Leninism, uniting the people and enabling them to fight with one heart and one mind for the final victory over capitalism

(TORN DOWN MASKS will soon be available from UNITE!)

"The Hurricane" by Zef Bumci

LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM!

For the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, September is a month of great joy, tinged with profound sadness

After years of fighting both the French colonialist yoke and Japanese fascist invaders, the heroic Vietnamese people took advantage of the Japanese defeat and surrender in August, 1945, and waged a successful uprising Taking advantage of favorable conditions, Vietnam Communist Party (now Vietnam Workers' Party) leaders mobilized the masses and seized power On September 2, 1945, in the capital of Hanoi, President Ho Chi Minh, on behalf of the Provisional Government, announced the birth of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (now Socialist Republic of Vietnam) The August Revolution ushered in an era of independence, freedom and socialism

However, international reaction refused to accept the existence of an independent and socialist Vietnam Thus began over 30 years of heroic resistance against British, French, Chinese under Chiang Kai-shek, and especially, U S aggression But at a time when the entire people were pushing resistance against U S aggression nearer to victory, President Ho Chi Minh, respected and beloved leader of the working class and people, of the whole Vietnamese nation, an outstanding fighter of the international communist movement, passed away on September 3 1969

After Ho Chi Minh's death, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the V W P started a vigorous political campaign in the whole Party, the entire armed forces, and the entire people toward "turning grief into revolutionary deeds" After five and a half more years of heroic struggle, on May 1, 1975, the entire Vietnamese nation from north to south, celebrated its complete liberation

The Vietnamese people have scored glorious and repeated victories in their resistance to French colonialism and U S imperialism and in socialist construction Under the correct leadership of the V W P the people continue to raise high the banner of national independence and socialism and carry out Ho Chi Minh's inspiring call

"Once victory is won, our people will rebuild their country and make it ten times more prosperous and beautiful"

— Zeri i Popullit —
A Great Weapon of the Working Class

As we go to press, Zeri i Popullit, the organ of the Party of Labor of Albania is celebrating its 35th anniversary Each year during the month of August, Albanian workers of the press, radio, television, and news agencies come together to sum up their work, take up the problems of revolutionary journalism, and make plans for the coming year The work carried out by these comrades represents a great development since the first mimeographed copy of Zeri i Popullit on August 25, 1942

The great strength of Zeri i Popullit is that from its beginnings it has been the ideological organ of a Marxist-Leninist Party As expressed recently by the Union of Albanian journalists,

> "From the day of the founding of the Party, our revolutionary press became just as great Lenin said, a part of the general cause of the Party, a part of the general cause of the proletariat Leaflets and newspapers at the time of the Great Anti-fascist National Liberation War carried to the people the ardent word of the Party and raised the people against the Nazi-fascist occupiers and traitors to the country" (Albanian Telegraph Agency, July 29, 1977)

Today the Albanian press is deeply involved in the socialist construction of that country. But as evidenced by its recent publication, "The Theory and Practice of the Revolution", it has not forgotten the world-wide revolutionary struggle

The staff of UNITE! extends comradely greetings to the press workers of Zeri i Popullit It is our goal to make UNITE! into a powerful weapon for the working class along the same Marxist-Leninist lines ★

SEPTEMBER 16th
Mexican Independence Day

Father Miguel Hildalgo (pictured above) led the 1810 Mexican struggle for independence from Spanish colonial rule

September 16 is a day of celebration and homage to the revolutionary heritage of the Mexican people It is a day that is celebrated both in Mexico and in the United States with great feeling It is a day which should be celebrated by renewing and strengthening the unity of the workers' movement in the U S with the workers' and peasants' movement in Mexico For workers in the U S , it is a day in which we must rededicate ourselves to building support for the struggle for revolution in Mexico

September 16, 1977, marks the 167th anniversary of the beginning of Mexico's long struggle toward liberation and independence On Sept 16, 1810, the Mexican revolutionary leader, Father Miguel Hidalgo issued the Grito de Delores, the revolutionary call which was the starting point for the Mexican people's struggle against almost 300 years of Spanish tyranny and colonialism Although Hildago was cruelly murdered by the Spanish colonialists, the Mexican people continued their heroic struggle under the leadership of Morelos In 1821, the goal of political independence was realized

THE REVOLUTIONARY HERITAGE OF MEXICO

Since the revolution of September 16, 1810, Mexico has undergone many revolutionary upheavals The Mexican people have struggled for independence and national sovereignty against enemies, both foreign and domestic

The War of Independence was followed closely by the seizure of Texas by U S colonialists in 1836 These colonialists were backed by guns and money from the U S government Again, in 1848, Mexico was forced into a war with the U S over the U S seizure of Mexico's northernmost states

In 1861, France invaded the Mexican Republic and imposed the puppet regime of "emperor" Maximilian von Hapsburg as "emperor of Mexico" The Mexican people struggled for six long years to overthrow the French tyrants On the 5th of May (Cinco de Mayo), 1867, the Mexican people decisively defeated the French invaders, and reestablished political independence In the year 1911, the Mexican people once more took up arms against the hated tyrant, Porfirio Diaz The revolution of 1911 was one of the first great democratic revolutionary struggles of the twentieth century

Through all these great upheavals, several things have remained common Always, the enemy has been the group of the most reactionary classes in Mexican society the large landowners, the Church, and the military Always, they have sought to maintain power by selling the interests of the Mexican people to foreign interests, colonialists and imperialists But most importantly, it has always been the working masses of the Mexican people who have decided the fate of their enemies.

Today Mexico faces its greatest crisis ever Bled by the United States and other imperialist powers, the Mexican people, led by the Mexican working class movement, are fighting against their oppressors in a life-and-death struggle The imperialist ruling class of the U S today faces the loss of many of its rich markets overseas As the emerging nations of Africa and Asia battle against U S imperialism, Russian social-imperialism and all oppressors, the U S has been forced to turn more and more to the countries of Latin America The U S has tightened its strangle-hold on the countries of Latin America The U S ruling class hopes to make-up its losses elsewhere through economic exploitation and political subversion in Latin America

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM

Mexico today is a neo-colony of U S imperialism Although Mexico is technically "independent", it is economically and politically dominated by the same U S ruling class which daily robs and oppresses the peoples of this country

Mexico has been systematically plundered by the ruling class of the U S The devaluation of the peso, massive unemployment and migration to the U S of many Mexican workers have been caused by the need of U S monopolies to grow fat off the labor of working people everywhere.

It is no accident that the U S monopolies which rob the people in this country, e g Chrysler, Ford, G M , Colgate, Anaconda, Del Monte, General Electric, Martin Marietta, and others, are the same companies that have caused the suffering and robbery of the Mexican people The U S working class, by taking up our greatest internationalist duty of overthrowing U S imperialism, stands in militant solidarity with the Mexican people

Continue in the Revolutionary Tradition of September 16!!

9 YEARS OF STRUGGLE REACHES CRUCIAL POINT

I-Hotel Evictions

San Francisco, California — On Thursday, August 4, 300 of San Francisco's "finest", including mounted police and sheriff's deputies surrounded and forcibly pushed through a human blocade of over 2,000 supporters The eviction of 55 tenants lasted 7 hours due to the determined struggle of the masses who came out to defend the International Hotel

While most of the hotel tenants were out on the streets, their lifetime savings and personal belongings were stolen by the police Liberal San Francisco Sheriff Richard Hongisto and Mayor Moscone praised their men for doing "a very good job in a difficult situation" These servants of monopoly capitalism were careful to put on a show of doing "all they could to save the hotel" (Hongisto earlier served a five day jail term for refusing to evict) in order to keep their liberal democrat support in the city But, as Moscone put it, "the courts had spoken", i e , the interest of capitalism must be served

Tenants Refuse to be Separated

The Mayor's office quickly announced that rooms in 9 hotels were available free, until permanent housing could be found Most tenants, however, decided to stay together in the Mission district until housing near Chinatown can be found

These tenants have spent many years together in Chinatown-Manilatown, building the hotel as a community center The Four Seas Corporation and the city government are destroying more than a hotel, they are dispersing a minority community "They don't understand that we are a family," said one of the tenants

Capitalists Profits Demand Destruction of Low Cost Housing in Minority Communities

In the last 10 years, more than 2,300 low rent units, including six hotels, were demolished in Chinatown last year alone! At the same time no new low rent units were built, and there are 5,500 people waiting for public housing Four Seas, like every monopoly capitalist, must do what will bring the most profits In Chinatown, a parking lot is more profitable than badly-needed low cost housing

The two issues — low cost housing and the destruction of minority communities — have served to mobilize widespread labor, community and student mass support

Over 2,000 bar police in attempt to prevent I-Hotel evictions

for the I-Hotel struggle Monopoly capitalism is the common enemy of the working class and the oppressed nationalities!

What Lies Ahead?

Tenants and supporters have decided to fight the demolition of the hotel, and possibly fight to regain it for the tenants Exact strategy has not yet been mapped out

Many of the tenants really did not expect to be evicted, and a certain amount of demoralization has set in The leadership of the struggle did not adequately prepare the masses politically for temporary defeat Instead of viewing this struggle as one step in the struggle to overthrow capitalism, in which setbacks are possible but victory is certain, the leadership has made this struggle and the struggle for housing as an end in itself The working class and oppressed nationalities need leadership that can go beyond this kind of tactical planning, that can link the I-Hotel struggle to the struggle for socialism Only in this way will each struggle for our democratic rights serve to train, organize, and strengthen our forces for our final victory!

End the Destruction of Minority Communities!

Link the I-Hotel Struggle to the Struggle for Socialism!

An Interview with GARY TYLER

The second of a two part, exclusive interview

In the last three years the struggle to free Gary Tyler has received growing attention This case has become a vivid symbol of the brutal oppression of an entire Nation in the Black Belt South, and the struggle for democratic rights and self determination

Gary Tyler was framed and convicted on charges of murder of a 14-year old white student who was shot on October 7, 1974 in a confrontation between reactionary segregationists and Black youth in St Charles Parish, Louisiana

Gary Tyler, then sixteen years old, was originally sentenced to death The death penalty was then ruled unconstitutional by the U S Supreme Court in July 1976 Gary was resentenced to life imprisonment However, in June 1977, In Dobbert vs Florida, the U S Supreme Court ruled in effect, that since life imprisonment was a lesser sentence than death, a prisoner could be re sentenced to death on an ex post facto basis

In Part I of the interview, Gary Tyler spoke about the history and present status of his case, the oppression of the Black Belt Nation, and the struggles of Buddy Cochran and the Dawson Five

UNITE! Could you describe the conditions here at Angola?

TYLER The whole penitentiary is deteriorating because it is old And different parts, like the cells, are totally mildewing It rains in the cells, and all over you while you are in bed You can't leave anything on the floor because the water on the floor gets it all wet The warden got on them about the food but they still don't have enough food They just throw the food on the tray and wait They just throw anything together — slop They just look at you like a pig You don't have no choice You are in a cell 23 hours a day

U Recently there was a big work stoppage here with 800 men involved. Could you tell us a little about it?

T The prisoners, they got tired of working They was out there 8 hours a day, making 2 cents an hour, out in the hot sun They got to work and work all the way to 3 00,until lunchtime They can't stop If they stop and put the shovel in the ground, the man writes them up for refusing to work So they just got tired The way they look at it, the man looks at them like a machine You know how a machine goes on steady, but they're human beings The man is laying up under the trees, or setting up in the house, he is not in the sun like the convicts And he wants them to work harder and harder You put him out there and he couldn't do half the work they do They just got tired of it so that's why they just refused to work

U Is there much interest in Marxism here in the prison?

T Marxism is known Marxism-Leninism is known They have peoples that come in here that never heard about Marxism But as peoples introduce this book to them, they get down to it This is something that I didn't know was happening It's something the peoples are fighting for, something that the peoples are turning towards

UNITE! Photo

U What do you think about countries like China and Albania?

T China I think is a beautiful country The peoples there are united They believe in brotherhood Vietnam was fighting against the so-called powerfullest country in the world And they won their liberation They liberated themselves They didn't have to use all kinds of sophisticated armory like the United States They had their rifle, they were in a guerrilla war And they won They were determined In the future Vietnam will become a well-known country Their philosophy about communism is beautiful

U Do you think that you are in danger here?

T I'm in danger I'm in great jeopardy The man could get any prisoner They have a whole lot of institutionalized convicts here that do everything to please the man The man will offer them a convenient place with a little luxury The man will put money in their pockets When they do this, they are out to kill you, just like you were an animal, for the man

U What do you think of the support that has been built for your case over the last couple of years?

T The peoples out there, so many of them out there, they just got tired of what was happening and so as my case came on the scene many people looked at it and said "hey, this is a young man, he's struggling for his life and his freedom He has been completely railroaded" When the man sees hundreds of thousands out there he starts to count heads You can say that the masses of people are out there This is a day to pay attention to This struggle is making people aware Many said that the peoples can't be united The people are uniting, there's no such thing as the people can't unite My case, it's not unique There are other cases that have got support and that are struggling to get the peoples' attention The way that I see it, all these cases should unite, that would bring more people So all together we're political prisoners

U What do you think it's going to take to free Gary Tyler and to free all political prisoners?

T What it's really going to take to free us? It ain't going to take legal workers and the court It's going to take the people to get us out of here The peoples got to free us They're our liberators The man is stubborn but we'll fight against a stubborn man The only way for him to submit is if the peoples come down hard on his head, put pressure on him We're not depending on the system cause we're depending on the peoples and only the peoples They are the only ones in the whole country, you could say in the whole world, who can set free all political prisoners The international proletariat is struggling for this goal, to free all political prisoners, by all means

I MAINTAIN A MENTALITY AND I'M STRETCHING AND STRENGTHENING IT TO DEAL WITH MY KNOWN ADVERSARIES MY LIFE IS IN GREATER DANGER NOW SINCE I HAVE BEEN RESENTENCED THE MAN WOULD DO EVERYTHING BY ALL MEANS TO GET RID OF ME, TO ISOLATE ME FROM THE PEOPLES HE GONNA DO EVERYTHING TO DISBAND THE SUPPORT I HAVE I'D LIKE THE PEOPLES TO KNOW THAT AS MUCH PRESSURE THEY PUT ON ME, I'M NOT GOING TO SUBMIT I'M GOING TO DIE FOR WHAT I BELIEVE

PROTEST AGAINST PRISON BRUTALITY AT ANGOLA

Angola Prison, Louisiana — On August 7, 1977 almost 100 demonstrators from all over the Black Belt Nation converged on Angola prison to support the struggle to free Gary Tyler and to demand a stop to brutality against the prisoners The demonstration was led by the Peoples Defense Coalition to Free Gary Tyler and Fight Injustice

When the PDC marched on Angola on May Day, 1977, it was the first time in history that a demonstration had occurred outside the gates of Angola. Kalamu Ya Salaam, chairman of the PDC, said further attacks on prisoners would be met with more demonstrations and resistance

Speakers from the PDC, the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and the Dawson Five campaign spoke on the conditions of repression and the rising tide of resistance throughout the South The demand for self-determination for the Black Belt Nation was raised in speeches, chants and posters and was enthusiastically supported by the demonstrators

It was later revealed that behind-the-scenes maneuvering by the Communist Party (ML) had threatened to disrupt the rally The CP(ML) protested against having a speaker from the Dawson Five defense address the rally They argued that the Dawson Five wasn't on the agenda, that they believed the speaker to be a member of the MLOC, and that if MLOC got to speak, they should get to speak also It was clear that the CP(ML) was not concerned about the fight for the lives of the Dawson Five or whether a speech would strengthen the rally, help link up the Tyler and Dawson cases, and build the struggle for self-determination

It was also pointed out by a number of persons that CP(ML) representatives were snatching copies of UNITE! from the hands of young Black people who marched under the banner of the Communist Youth Organization (CYO) Claiming that UNITE! was a "rag" and unfit to read, the papers were replaced with instructions to read the CALL instead This activity was denounced as an example of national chauvinism and a belittling of the right and ability of these young Black people to make up their own minds This kind of sectarian, infantile behavior, putting their own interests above the needs of the masses, is one of the basic reasons why the CP(ML) is currently on probation in the PDC It's become clear their primary concern is to build themselves and not the struggle against repression

The struggle to free Gary Tyler and to stop the brutality at Angola Prison continues It is also essential that this struggle against imperialism, as the source of repression, go hand in hand with the struggle against the opportunists who seek to de-rail the struggle at every step of the way

Free Gary Tyler!

Stop the Brutality Against Prisoners!

Smash Opportunism!

National Oppression & RESISTANCE!

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A Glimpse of Fascist Police Terror At Pre-Trial Hearing

(continued from page 1)

While being questioned by defense attorneys about the conditions of Blacks in Dawson, a former Dawson police captain testified to atrocities that had been committed against Blacks over the years by police

Speaking of the Dawson 5, his testimony confirmed the youths statements that they had been tortured and harassed into confessing to the murder of Bubba Howell in 1976 He said that he was present in a sheriff's patrol care when Jack Hammack, the deputy, put his gun to the head of James Jackson Jr , one of the 5 Rucker recalled,"the deputy took his pistol out, turned around and had Junior Jackson set up next to the back of the seat, put the pistol right between his eyeballs, pressed up against his head, cocked the hammer back, and said, 'OK nigger, I want to know where y'll threw the weapons at ' Junior Jackson was scared, but he just sat there for a few seconds The deputy then said, 'If you don't tell us I'm going to blow your head off and put you out here in the woods ' Junior Jackson then said the weapons were thrown beside a fence down the road, but no weapons were found "

Later, Rucker said he asked Jackson why he had said that the weapons were down the road and Jackson had said he was afraid the deputy was going to pull the trigger

On one occasion, a Black man was taken to the Terrell County Jail and was sprayed with Mace in the eyes and mouth The man was handcuffed and unable to ward off this hideous attack.

On another occasion, while Rucker was in a patrol car with another officer, arsenic-soaked hotdogs were fed to dogs in the Black neighborhoods He estimated that 100 dogs were killed that week

It was Rucker's job to investigate all Blacks in the city who purchased firearms, making a complete record of the individuals' life and habits, keeping track of how much and when they bought ammunition. Rucker had also helped to maintain records of all Blacks who belonged to clubs the Dawson police thought to be subversive

The police chief had at one time warned Rucker, "if any Blacks ever get a foothold in the door, that will be the end of our jobs We've got to make sure that they never get into political office "

There was a time when Rucker was sitting in the office when the Mayor stormed in and demanded a machine gun, saying, "There's four or five niggers out hunting on my land" and that "he was going to shoot some niggers "

Rucker's testimony revealed that the oppression of Blacks in Dawson, Georgia, is an everyday part of life. It revealed that there is nothing "equal" or "just" about the treatment that is dished out to Blacks in Dawson or TerrellCounty On the contrary, there are constant vicious attacks The Dawson 5 have been treated in the exact same way The fact that the youths were threatened with castration and death is a vivid proof of this fact

The kind of police terror that reigns over Blacks in Dawson is necessary in order to prop up the small white ruling class It is not unique to Dawson or to Terrell County but is widespread throughout the entire Black Belt Nation This kind of fascist terror is part of national oppression which is why it is important that we don't view the Dawson 5 case as an isolated case

There has been a long history of cases similar to the Dawson 5, like the Scottsboro Boys in the 1930's, and Gary Tyler today There will continue to be many more like them, until the nation in the South is free from imperialist exploitation This is why we must link the case to the struggle for self-determination Self-determination means that the masses of people in the Black Belt Nation will no longer be ruled over by the imperialists and the small minority that support their rule

Instead, the people of the Black Belt South would have the control over their own resources and their lives

The imperialists have for hundreds of years taken billions of dollars of profit out of the South which has been created by the workers of the Black Belt In order to continue with this exploitation the imperialists have used a system of terror, whether it is macing someone in the face, lynching by the Klan, poisioning Black families' dogs or framing 5 young Black men on a murder rap

When the nation in the Black Belt has succeeded in throwing out the imperialist rule, there will no longer be the need for the systematic terror that has been used over the years The demand to free the Dawson 5 is also a demand for the end of fascist terror against the Black masses in the South And at the very base of both of these demands is the demand for the self-determination of the Black Belt Nation

The Scottsboro Boys, nine Black youths sentenced to death on a rape charge during the 1930's, were kept alive because of a nationwide campaign led by the then revolutionary Communist Party USA In 1977, fascist terror still reigns in the Black Belt South

I would like to tell the Dawson 5 to remain strong, and I know that they must be determined brothers. Don't depend on the courts. Only the people will have justice. If the trial comes and there is no justice, don't loose faith. This is something we have to go through. This is something I went through. We have to keep fighting. I'd like to send my solidarity to all of them and my brotherly love.

– GARY TYLER, Angola Prison, Louisiana

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE BLACK BELT NATION!

DAWSON 5!

BUILD THE FIGHT TO FREE THE "5" AMONG THE MASSES

What is it that is going to save the Dawson 5? Is it the ability of the lawyers to present a slick case and sway the jurors in favor of the Dawson 5, or will it be the mass support that is being built for them among the working class and oppressed nationalities across the country?

If we look at some other cases, as well as recent developments in the Dawson 5 case, we will see that it has been the support of the masses that has either set people free or at least prevented them from going to the electric chair

The only thing that has kept Gary Tyler from being electrocuted or killed by a guard or paid-off inmate has been the international support that has been built for him, which is why Gary Tyler now says that it is only the people who will set him free (See interview page 17)

In the Dawson case the fact that the prosecutor is no longer asking for the death penalty for the youths is not because the attorneys have done some fancy footwork In fact, the defense lawyers were surprised when the prosecutor announced this development

The death penalty was dropped, not because it would have been an injustice, because as we know, there is very little justice for Blacks in the South. The death penalty has been dropped because masses of working and oppressed people stand behind these youths in their struggle for their lives It was a victory that was won by the people in Dawson, Georgia, in Chicago, in Gary, in Los Angeles, in Atlanta and in many other parts of the country, who have stood up and said that this injustice must end

The struggle to free the Dawson 5 must include all forms of struggle We must have lawyers so that we can win any possible gain from the courts This is very important But, the primary defense comes from the mass movement that is built in the plants and on the farms around the country This support must be broad and deep It must reach the lives of millions of working men and women – Black, white, Chicano and all nationalities

We cannot rely on the courts The courts are an arm of the capitalist class that oppresses us everyday of our lives. There is no such thing as blind justice If there were, these youths would not have been put in jail in the first place, nor would they have sat in that county jail for close to one and a half years without a trial

In a capitalist country, the only thing that justice is blind to is the crimes committed against working and oppressed peoples every day by the capitalist class This is why we cannot rely on the courts to save the lives of these young Black men

We must take the struggle to free the Dawson 5 into every plant, mill and farm in this country and around the world We must build a mighty mass movement which has as its fighting call

Free the Dawson 5!

Self-determination for the Black Belt Nation!

UNITE! Photo

A typical home for a farm laborer in Terrell County, usually with no running water or electricity and a wood stove for heat

UNITE! Photo

Stevens Industries in Dawson (above) where workers labor 12 hours a day, seven days a week at $2 10 an hour For Blacks in the rural south, this is a "good "job

Wage Slavery in Dawson

Working in Dawson, Georgia is as brutal as the rest of life there There are basically two kinds of jobs that the majority of Blacks and poor whites have They work at the local plants like Stevens Industries, or as farm laborers on the large farms and plantations in the area

A farmworker on Dr Billy Martin's 2700 acre plantation makes an average of $40 a week The hours are extremely long They run from "can see to can't see"

While Dr Martin's farm is somewhat of an extreme, the average farmworker makes only $80 a week The crops are cotton, soybeans and corn The workers run tractors, combines and cotton pickers On these large plantations much of the hand labor has been eliminated Despite the mechanization, the work is still extremely hard, and only a few workers do it For a 2700 acre farm there are usually about 5 workers

Because much of the labor has been done away with on the farms, many people have turned to the industries in the area for work At the Stevens Industries plant, a peanut shelling and processing plant in town, conditions come close to unbearable The starting wage is $2 10 an hour A work day runs 12 hours, seven days a week There is no paid sick leave, no paid vacation and no health insurance Workers regularly have to carry around 150 pound sacks of peanuts In the summers, the temperature soars to 120 or 130 degrees with the smell of rotten peanuts filling the plant

These kind of conditions on the farms and in the plants of Dawson, Georgia, are typical of working conditions throughout the Black Belt South This kind of exploitation of the workers brings enormous profit for the capitalists It is the same kind of imperialist exploitation that went on in Vietnam before liberation It is the same kind that continues to go on in Southern Africa.

Wherever imperialism oppresses a nation, this kind of brutal exploitation can be found The conditions that exist in Dawson will not change qualitatively until the rule of the imperialists is done away with and the Black Belt Nation exercises the right of self-determination ★

As trial is about to begin...
SUPPORT COMMITTEE HOLDS RALLY

Albany, Georgia – On Saturday, August 27, a rally was held in Albany, Georgia, in support of the Dawson 5 The rally was sponsored by the Dawson 5 Support Committee and the Marxist-Leninist Organizng Committee Albany is 22 miles south of Dawson and is itself the scene of violent fascist oppression and courageous resistance on the part of the people of the Black Belt Nation The rally was held in the Harlem section of Albany, which is the home of the poorest Blacks An important part of the rally was that it united many of the active forces from several small Georgia towns, as well as Atlanta

A spokeswoman from Albany, active with Martin Luther King in the 1960's struggles, pledged full support for the Dawson 5 and welcomed the militant struggle around the case Another veteran civil rights leader from Sylvester, Georgia, told the small, but determined crowd, "This group must work to build a strong mass movement to free the'5' "

In anticipation of the beginning of the trail on Monday, August 29, the Support Committee called for "redoubling the efforts to defend the Dawson 5 " ★

COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

Workers' Movement

SPAIN – In July, the Second Congress of the Communist Party of Spain (M-L) was held in the heart of the monarcho-fascist Juan Carlos regime The delegates represented party organizations throughout Spain and representatives of cells from important factories and mines

The delegates enthusiastically approved the Report of the Central Committee and the Resolutions drafted by the Congress Commissions on work with women, youth, the peasantry, nationalities, and work in the trade unions The Congress also pledged to uphold and implement the revolutionary Marxist-Leninist line and fight against the treachery of the revisionist Carrillo party (This so-called "party" has assisted imperialism and reaction by playing a part in the fraudulent liberalization of the country)

The Congress received many messages and greetings from workers throughout Spain, from Party militants who are in prisons throughout the country, and from a large number of Marxist-Leninist parties around the world

IRELAND – Over 32,000 soldiers and police were needed to protect Queen Elizabeth, hated symbol of British oppression and military occupation on her first visit to the northern provinces of Ireland in ll years

Anti-British demonstrators courageously battled police and riot troops in downtown Belfast A mile away, a second group of protesters overturned and set fire to cars and battled security forces They chanted, "We don't want your goddam queen!" and showered the police with bricks, bottles, and roofing slates

SPAIN – The Chilean naval vessel, Esmaralda, once used as a prison by the barbaric Pinochet junta, has been on a tour of reactionary states around the Mediterranean Sea Wherever this ship docked, it was met with powerful protests from the people against the fascist butchers of Chile

In Spain, demonstrators demanded that the prison ship leave Spain immediately When the ship entered a Spanish shipyard for repairs, Spanish workers went on strike until the ship was removed These actions are the expression of proletarian internationalist solidarity which exists between the working class and people of Chile and Spain

ISRAEL – 500,000 Israeli workers went on a half-day strike last month to protest raising of prices of most commodities 25% and a cut in subsidies for essential foods and fuels

Israel's policy of aggression and expansion and war preparations has resulted in a grave deterioration of its economy and the government continues to impose a heavier burden on the working masses Resistance against this heavy oppression by the multi-national Israeli working class is sure to increase.

PERU – Demonstrations and strikes by workers and students have been held throughout Peru since mid-June These protests were called to oppose price increases of as much as 40% on fuel, food, and public transportation These increases were imposed by a military junta in a country where unemployment is 45%

Workers and students have waged fierce battles against police and soldiers attempting to suppress demonstrations in Lima, Tacna, Huancayo, and other cities Industrial plants, mines, railways, government offices, buses and schools have been closed down by one strike after another General strikes of 24 and 48 hours were carried on in Lima, Arequipa, and many other important cities

The Peruvian people are continuing their valiant struggle against the military junta which rules their country

National Liberation

THAILAND – The 12th anniversary of the armed struggle launched by the Thai people falls on August 7 Last year saw a further development of the armed struggle and a growth in the strength of the Thai People's Liberation Army

Large numbers of enemy soldiers have been wiped out and 41 enemy strongholds demolished Quantities of enemy equipment have been destroyed and many guns, ammunition and radios and other equipment captured

In the past year the liberation forces attacked, harassed, and ambushed the enemy on the move Wherever there was a chance people 's army troops raided enemy strongpoints in annihilation warfare by concentrating a superior force They have gained more experience in annihilation campaigns and shattered repeated "encirclements" by the enemy The Thai people are advancing to victory under the leadership of their communist Party

ZIMBABWE – The Zimbabwe People's Army (ZPA) has put the city of Bulawayo under intense pressure Bulawayo, the second largest city in Zimbabwe is the economic and transportation hub in the southern part of the country The entire area around Bulawayo has been turned into a fierce battleground between ZPA fighers and Rhodesian troops

In the northwest, Zimbabwean liberation fighters have also been dealing heavy blows to the brutal Smith regime ZPA forces have succeeded in blockading roads near Salisbury, the capital, and wrecking the main rail line into the city with bomb blasts Also, an important police post in Mtoko region was completely destroyed by a ZPA attack

Through armed struggle the Zimbabwean people will soon shake off the yoke of colonial slavery and imperialist oppression.

ERITRIA – The Eritrian People's Army Liberation Front (EPLF) has announced that EPLF fighters have begun an assault on Asmara the capital of Eritria The EPLF drive to liberate Asmara, was launched against 8,000 Ethiopian troops In one action, a prison in Asmara was captured and more than 1,000 political prisoners were released

EPLF fighters were also on the offensive against Ethiopian troops holed up in the main port, Massawa Asmara and Massawa are the las major cities not yet controlled by liberation forces

Socialist Construction

KAMPUCHEA – Good results have been made in eliminating malaria during the public health campaign now being carried out all over democratic Kampuchea by medical workers and agricultural co-operative members

Before liberation, the impoverished Kampuchean people suffered greatly from malaria But the Kampuchean Revolutionary Organization (KPO) has drawn up plans to prevent and eliminate malaria The KPO sent medical groups to the country to help the co-operative members prevent malaria Malaria incidences have been reduced as a result of improvement of hygiene in households and public places The Kampuchean people are determined to completely wipe out this epidemic disease

VIETNAM – Repair of roads and bridges in the southern provinces has progressed very rapidly Immediately after liberation, the local people and communication workers plunged themselves into a drive to repair communication lines Major highways and several wharves were rapidly repaired Huge efforts were also made to develop communication in rural areas by building road networks linking cities and hamlets

At the same time, construction units, locomotive repairing factories, and units making bridge parts were also quickly restored and over 1800 vehicles and road-building machines were assembled and repaired Reestablishing these lines of communication is an important first step in the building of socialism

CHINA – China has carried out extensive cancer research since liberation and has made many significant breakthroughs in preventing, detecting, and curing this disease

On-the-spot mass inspection and continuously refined methods of early stage diagnosis have helped discover cases of esophageal cancer in very early stages Also, a widely-used method of detecting liver cancer which needs only a single drop of blood has a 70% rate of detection

There has been greatly increased success with newly-developed surgical techniques and radiotherapy Some effective anti-cancer drugs have been made from medicinal herbs and many anti-tumor antibiotics have been found

The principle of "prevention first" is observed in efforts for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment, as well as removal of carcinogenic (cancer-causing) factors This principle has greatly advanced work in preventing and curing cancer